

The Acorn

February 4, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?

Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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Live Oak Event Book!

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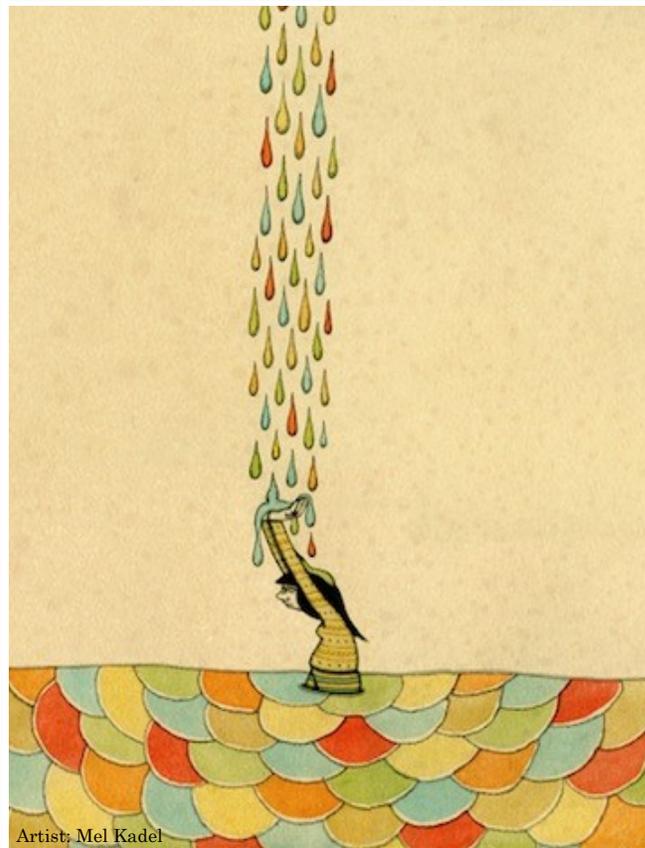
January Half Basket Report

January 7

Food and Water Watch
\$243.50

January 21

Freedom Warming Centers
\$413.00



Artist: Mel Kadel

Not Another F*#!ing Growth Experience!

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

How shall we live when life seems determined to knock us down again and again? What does our faith teach us about living through hard times?

Whether we are struggling in our personal lives or struggling with "the times" this morning we explore how we can build up our ability to respond in constructive and healthy ways to the many challenges in our lives.

Sunday February 4

10:00 A.M. Worship

Monday February 5

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday February 6

4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care (C)
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group Facilitator Meeting (FH)

Wednesday February 7

5:15 P.M. Adama Beginner Class (S)
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)
6:30 P.M. Covenant Group
7:00 P.M. Good Relations

Thursday February 8

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday February 9

10:30 A.M. Hooks & Needlers (C)
6:30 P.M. Religious Exploration Second Friday Game Night (FH)

Saturday February 10

No Scheduled Events

Sunday February 11

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Deluxe Valentine's Souper Sunday!

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

February 11: *Bending the Arc* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

It is said that justice properly understood is love. Today we consider the words of Micah (6:8): "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."

February 18: *Faith at Five Thousand Feet*

Megan Dowdell, Asst. Professor of Ethics and Society at Starr King School for the Ministry

James Baldwin wrote that "only when the road has...turned or dropped or risen is one able to see all that one could not have seen from any other place." This sermon about finding faith in community takes the shape of one journey on a Greyhound bus to Vegas.

February 25: *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.

Children's Religious Exploration



Our pre-teens will return to "Love Connects Us" week 13, which is examining the way we perceive things. "A Matter of Perspective" calls into question the ways we see/hear/think about different issues and re-framing or re-examining to see other sides as well. Bring your glasses if you need, and certainly your memory skills, and remember to call anything into question that may be seen in a completely different "light". We will also listen to some music that may be somewhat thought-provoking.

Our Whole Lives 4-6 Last week we worked out a conceptually complicated topic... "Images in Popular Culture". We examined the idea that sexuality is a part of everyone's life, and we looked at how that is reflected in the media, and how the media works with that idea to get our attention. Media Literacy is a person's ability to think about and read into what they see in the media and decide if it is healthy or not. Really proud of our OWL kids for working through this as an issue, I understand it can be a bit abstract. Just want to encourage our kids to look a little differently at whatever media they involve themselves in this week and ask questions about whether the image is positive or negative, helpful or harmful.

On Feb 11, we will dive into "Body Image". Another BIG topic! Be sure to take some time to look into your book "It's Perfectly Normal" as the information you take in will be addressed in our next class!

Parents and Kids...our students should be coming home each week with at least one flyer. If you meet them after OWL with nothing in their hand, ask about it. Thank you!

Children's Religious Exploration Continued

MULTI-GENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT FRIDAY FEB. 9 @ 6:30

Thank you so much to RE Council members Jacob Rosenberg and Mary Dochterman for hosting Game Night on Friday Feb 9. As usual, you are welcome to bring snacks to share, Valentine candy, chocolates and LOVE!! Why don't you all wear RED or HEARTS to show your Valentine Solidarity...if you want to of course!!

Joys and Sorrows

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

- * Barbara Hodgdon: Shared a joy that her daughter and family are finally home in London. Her son-in-law became quite ill and was in the hospital for a time in Denver, CO. Barbara went to Denver to take care of the children while he recovered.
- * Pat Johnson: Joyful that her daughter Kerry went to the Women's March in Reno and marched with some people from the UU congregation there. She also expressed her appreciation that Jeri Moulder helped that congregation (in her previous capacity as a consultant through the UUA).
- * Eric Schug: Asks for healing thoughts for a good friend who is struggling with breast cancer.
- * The Live Oak choir: Asks for healing thoughts for choir member Nancy Keele who cracked a rib. She and her beautiful voice are missed.



Stewardship Opportunity

Greetings, Live Oakers,

We have a wonderful group of hosts who are putting together events for small gatherings for our Stewardship drive. We will be offering many gatherings in March, and look forward to offering them to you.

In the meantime, we still have a need for a few more to host events. The events can include a breakfast, brunch, lunch, tea, happy hour, dinner, or dessert, and they will happen between March 4th and March 18th. They can be potluck, partial potluck, or fully hosted, depending on your desire. If you have any interest in being one of these hosts, please contact Wendy Morgan at wendy.morgan@cox.net and let me know. I can then give you more specifics, but just so you know, there will also be a steward with you to do a presentation and take care of the pledges.

Thank you to those hosts who've already signed up, and I look forward to hearing from any of you interested in joining in the fun!

With gratitude, Wendy Morgan

Wake Now Our Vision! Legacy Campaign

This is a fabulous opportunity to “fundraise” for Live Oak! It is a “legacy” campaign designed to spur people to leave a bequest either to the collaborative campaign, to one of the UU theology schools, to other specific UU institutions, or **to your own congregation!** Legacy gifts are made through your will or trust and can also be made through a retirement account or life insurance policy, effective after you die.

The campaign will pay a 10% cash match for the value of the bequest/legacy, or if the gift cannot be accurately valued at this time, a flat \$1,000.

Please see the website for this program at www.wakenowourvision.org

for the details, particularly the Frequently Asked Questions (**FAQ**) and the **pledge form**. **Please contact Ellen Hamilton if you wish to participate**, and/or for additional information or help. (See contact information below.)

The most exciting bit of FAQ information (verified with the Legacy Campaign Director) is the following:

I already made a legacy gift intention years ago. Does that count?

Gifts will qualify as “new” if they are made between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2020 OR **if the receiving institution is unaware of the intention.**

Live Oak does not have any official record or list of intended gifts or legacies. Thus, **everyone who has already named Live Oak UUC in their will or trust can qualify for this campaign.**

And, of course, if you have not yet named Live Oak, but would like to do so, this is the time to do it so that Live Oak can potentially receive the 10% matching funds.

Example: You have named Live Oak in your will (or living trust) to receive \$10,000 after your death (or perhaps after the death of you and your spouse). Live Oak could then receive \$1,000 in matching funds.

Attention, Lenders! There are a number of Live Oak members and friends (about 20) who have lent money to Live Oak (to replace our bank mortgage). This is a great opportunity to consider having part or all of your loan forgiven at your death, and that amount be your legacy gift to Live Oak. Ellen has done this and has the details of how to do so.

Limited time frame. There is some **urgency to apply** for the matching funds as soon as possible because there is a limited amount to draw from - \$5,000,000 nationally, and \$1,500,000 has already been allocated in the first few weeks because it is such a popular program nationally.

Ellen Hamilton, member of Live Oak, is our point person for this Legacy Campaign. **Please contact Ellen if you are interested in participating in this campaign.** Ellen has a career background in trust and estate administration, and is happy to assist you in any way possible with any questions you may have, and with the process of application and documentation. Ellen.hamilton5@verizon.net Home: 805-968-3098 Cell: 805-698-5381

FUUN Team Souper Sunday-February!



To celebrate Valentine's Day early, join us for a Super Souper Sunday. We will be serving a delicious vegetarian Chili and Chicken Tortilla Soup with all the fixings. Plus 2 great salads, cookies, and a Valentine's Day Cake. All this for just the regular donation of \$5/\$10 family. Please join us!!

Memorial Service for Minister Emerita Rev. Bets Wienecke

The Rev. Elizabeth (Bets) Wienecke was born in Evanston, Illinois to Major General Robert Henry Wienecke and Eliza Maurine (Rittenhouse) on December 22nd, 1936. She died peacefully at home in Carpinteria on December 28, 2017, at the age of 81. As an army brat, Bets attended 19 schools before graduating from George Washington High School in Alexandria Virginia. Subsequently, she moved to Okinawa in 1954 with her family, where she met and married William C. Gourley Jr. at the age of 19. They settled in Santa Paula, California and had three children: Ann Michelle (deceased), William C. Gourley III, and Elizabeth Ann Gourley. Their marriage ended in 1976. Bets then married the love of her life, Peter Haslund, in 1982. They were together for over 40 years and shared many common interests including family, teaching, travel, and social justice. Bets returned to college in the 1960's, earning her Bachelor's degree in Law and Society from UCSB, Masters in Counseling and Guidance from California State University, Northridge and a Masters of Divinity degree from the School of Theology at Claremont. Inspired by the Rev. Marjorie N. Leaming, Bets was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1986. She and Peter were instrumental in founding the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Goleta, California in 1986. A natural leader, Bets served as President of the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Sisterhood and the Pacific Southwest UUMA Chapter, on the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Association (UUMA) Executive Committee, and on the board of Meadville Lombard Theological School. Locally, she served on Pacifica Graduate Institute's Board. After a successful 18-year career in the parish ministry, Bets retired and worked as a Ministerial Settlement Representative in the Pacific Southwest District and offered local courses on Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography. Six women ministers credit her nurturing and inspiration as essential to their pursuit of ministry. Countless colleagues and friends remember her grace, good humor and kindness. In addition to being a prolific reader and avid Scrabble player, one of her favorite past times was spending time with her grandchildren; Nicolaus, Amelie, Bryna, Benjamin and Alexandra.

Bets is survived by her husband, Dr. Peter O. Haslund, sister, Evelyn (Lynn) Wienecke and her partner Oscar George, son William C. Gourley III and his wife Rev. Melitta Lynne Haslund, daughter Elizabeth Ann Gourley and her husband Dr. Steven Stuffelbeam, stepdaughter, Christina Ann Haslund and her husband Daniel Fitzgerald, niece Amie Fanning and her family and Bets' five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Goleta, CA on February 24th at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Live Oak UU Congregation (Capital Fund) or Direct Relief International.

Social Justice News

February 11, 3-6pm at First Methodist Church (305 E. Anapamu) Help SB Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance raise funds for our undocumented and immigrant neighbors affected by the Thomas Fire at Food & Fun!

From Carolyn Chaney - Thanks to everyone who sent a card last Sunday to Kelly Hammerle (Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt) or to Ryan Zinke (Dept. of the Interior) protesting the future sales of oil/gas leases along our beautiful California coast. **Please keep helping to protect our coast** from more oil/gas development.

If you didn't get a chance to put in your 2 cents, let's continue to flood BOEM with our opposition. Online, go to regulations.gov and in the search box type BOEM-2017-0074, click on Notice of Availability (NOA) and then on Comment Now. You will find a comment box and space for your name and address. Or you can call and leave a message at 703-787-1613. You may also want to thank Hannah-Beth Jackson for her leadership in introducing SB #834, which will protect our coastline from new oil/gas infrastructure. Contact her at: <http://sd19.senate.ca.gov/send-e-mail>



Urgent Help still needed to feed people! The Food Bank needs volunteers to help gather and distribute food to people who were flooded or who are suffering hardship from the flood.

<https://foodbanksbc.volunteerhub.com/lp/southcounty/>
<https://foodbanksbc.volunteerhub.com/Events/IndexV1>

Our next Song Tree Concert is on February 17 at 7:30 pm and will benefit Direct Relief. Tom Corbett, Mike Mullins, Bill Knopf and Tom Lee will fill Live Oak with song!

Community Activities

February 8: SB Progressive Coalition-6-7:30, at SB Red Cross Building, 2707 State St.

February 12: PFLAG (Parents, Friends and Allies of LGBTQ) Monday 7:00pm – 8:30pm, First Methodist Church, 26 West Anapamu Street. "Gender Queer 101" with Santa Barbara Transgender Advocacy Network. Transgender Experts from [SBTAN](http://SBTAN.org), will delve into the difference between sex, gender, gender expression, gender roles and sexual orientation. We will review the identities of trans men and trans women, as well as gender non-normative people, including butches and transvestites. Discussion will include some of the institutional barriers to transgender care and practice on asking for gender pronouns. There will be time for questions and support.

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

**Call or write your congressperson re DACA legislation (Next 3 weeks are crucial.)

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

Join Rev. Tamara at Regional Assembly in Portland in 2018!!

The four districts of the UUA's Pacific Western Region will gather April 27-29 in Portland, OR for the 2018 Regional Assembly. Speakers include civil rights activist, the Rev. Dr. William Barber; Washington Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights; and the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, newly elected UUA president. Programming includes workshops, worship, district meetings, and an optional social justice activity.

Discount lodging is available at the Portland DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, site of the Regional Assembly. Childcare and youth programming will be available. Registration is now open with an early bird deadline at the end of January. More details on the PWR website (www.uua.org/pwr)

Amazon Smile

How many of us Live Oakers and friends use Amazon to order items? (That's what I thought!) How would you like for each purchase you make to donate a bit to our beloved community?

I invite you to join my family and me in donating to Live Oak each time you make a purchase. This is a FREE service that has the potential of adding up to a significant amount of income for Live Oak:

- 1) Sign up at smile.amazon.com
- 2) Designate Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation Goleta as your chosen charity
- 3) Use smile.amazon each time you shop (not the regular amazon.com portal.) All your information and your chosen charity will be stored and shopping is as simple as going to smile.amazon each time and watching your donations add up!

Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes to sign up and support Live Oak!!
-Rev. Tamara

Supporting Our Members

Marie Arnold will be participating in the Festival of Hearts, a fundraiser for the Friendship Center. Marie's work will be on display from January 24 to February 8 at the Renaissance consignment store on State street by the museum.

David Rose will be performing in: Disney Aladdin Jr.

Thursday, February 1st at 6:00

Friday, February 2nd at 6:00

Saturday, February 3rd at 2:00 and 6:00

Isla Vista School, MPR

Tickets: Adults \$6 Children \$4

Tickets are available for purchase in the Front Office.

**Live Oak Unitarian
Universalist
Congregation**

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

Bea Hamlin 2/1, Jim Ross 2/4, David
Hodgdon 2/5, Téka Penteriche 2/6,
Aileen Chambers 2/20,
Marie Arnold 2/27

Supporting Our Members Cont.

Aletha Solter will lead a 4-hour workshop for parents in Santa Barbara on Saturday, February 10, sponsored by SBCC School of Extended Learning. The topic is "Happier children, happier parents with attachment play." Click here for more information:

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

Goleta Valley Junior High School Theatre Arts is recruiting Pit Band members for its upcoming full-scale production of Rogers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma: Performances March 16,17 at 7pm, March 18 at 2pm Dress rehearsals March 12-15 3:30-7:30 Band only rehearsals on weekends (flexible to accommodate some conflicts).

Looking for:

Flutes , Clarinets (alto and bass), Bassoon , Alto Saxophone, Tenor Sax. Bari Sax , Trumpet , Trombone

If you are interested in finding out more Please contact Carolyn Ross at cross@sbunified.org

Housemate Wanted

Elderly member of our congregation seeks housemate (offering large room and private bathroom) beginning in early January. Reasonable rent.

Contact (805) 683-1775.

Rideshare Needed

Member Bev Troon needs a ride to Sunday morning services. If you live near Old Mill Road (near Turnpike), or would not mind stopping off there on your way to LOUU, please call Bev the day before you are able to drive to see if she will be going that particular Sunday. Bev's phone number is 805-692-2460. Thanks for helping!

Many thanks,

Mary

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