

The Acorn

March 11, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

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Live Oak Event Book!



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A Memorial Service for Marty Morgan (Carter Morgan's mother) will be held at Live Oak on Saturday, April 21.

All Live Oak members are invited to join us.



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.

Sunday March 11 Daylight Savings Time

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Souper Sunday
11:45A.M. Discussion (S)

Monday March 12
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday March 13
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday March 14
No Scheduled Event

Thursday March 15
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday March 16
10:30 A.M Hookers & Needlers (C)

Saturday March 17
No Scheduled Events

Sunday March 18
10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU (C)
11:30 A.M. Live Oak Event Book Party (FH)

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

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.

March 25: *Shall We Pray?* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Do you pray? Or is this a word that is problematic for you? Join us this morning as we explore the concept and reality of prayer and what this might mean for each of us as we walk our spiritual paths.

Children's Religious Exploration

This Sunday in RE-OWL: We are at the midpoint of Our Whole Lives and our topic of the week is GENDER! If you have a child in this program, please make sure they read their "homework" in "It's Perfectly Normal". It's very informative around LGBTQ issues, and ideas that are not gender conforming (one of our WordBank words). It's a weighty and mature topic, and I gotta say, they are doing really well on it. This Sunday, Gloria is out of town and we will be joined by former DRE Pat Johnson, and I am excited to work with her! Thank you Pat!!

TEEN FUNDRAISER FOR MONTECITO: 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 and my own Tali Ratcliffe is one of the teen organizer/directors. This Friday March 9 at 7:00 PM at the Marjorie Luke Theatre at SB Junior High. This event is SOLD OUT but donations can be made here: <https://teenssingforsb.com/our-story/>

MARCH GAME NIGHT CANCELLED: This month's Intergenerational Game Night is cancelled for March. We will have the next Second Fridays Game Night on April 13.

RE OUTDOOR SPACE: The RE Council is working hard to bring our outdoor space around the water tower, to a space for the congregation and in particular, our kids. I want to especially thank Michael Wittman from the Council for his work and leadership.

We are looking currently at bids to upgrade/repair/paint the water tower and if you know anyone that could do this work and give Live Oak a reasonable price for that work, let Steven know dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org. We have been looking at convertible tables/benches and will most likely have a work and clean up day down there a little later in the spring. Stay tuned for more around our outdoor space and thank you.

"We don't need a melting pot in this country, folks. We need a salad bowl. In a salad bowl, you put in the different things. You want the vegetables - the lettuce, the cucumbers, the onions, the green peppers - to maintain their identity. You appreciate differences". -Jane Elliot

Half Basket

This Sunday we are donating our Half-Basket to the UU Justice Ministry of California. They help "to advance justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities, and by empowering the public voice of those who share UU values and [principles](#)." Please be generous with your donations on Sunday and help relieve suffering for these folks. Thank you for your help and caring!

For More Info: <http://www.uujmca.org>

Joys and Sorrows

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

- * Ken Solter: Sadness that his cousin's son is having difficulties with interpersonal connection and feeling alone. He had been close to Ken's father, and now Ken is the patriarch of the family. Please hold Ken's second cousin in your thoughts.
- * Ron Kronenburg: On Tuesday he took his first ambulance ride as he had either a TIA or a mild stroke which resolved.
- * Wilma Seelye: On Wednesday evening she was walking and her Achilles tendon ruptured. Surgery is scheduled for March 12.
- * Liz Zok: Joy that two Live Oak teens will be singing in an upcoming fundraising event.
- * Jan Ross: Former Live Oak member Subhana Bonner has been having health issues which are resolving. Subhana wishes us to know that her former Unitarian Universalist minister in New Hampshire, the Reverend Betty Foster, died in early March.
- * Barbara Hodgdon: Joy for a wonderful birthday gift for her husband, David, who recently turned 86. The gift was a drive, with other family members, down "Memory Lane" visiting David's childhood home and schools attended, Barbara and David's first home, and viewing the Endeavor shuttle, whose engines David worked on during his career as an engineer.
- * Michael Wittman: Shared it was his birthday (March 4), and that on Tuesday he would be having outpatient surgery for a heart anomaly. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- * Paris: Joy that his daughter Luana is coming for a visit next week and will be singing at Live Oak.

Souper Sunday Continues!

A BIG thanks to the fabulous FUUn Team and its fearless leader Diane Green for hosting Souper Sunday on February 11! This was a super-duper Souper Sunday meal, and the FUUn Team did a terrific job. **Our next luncheon is set for this Sunday, March 11**, and will be hosted by Live Oak's wonderful and talented Choir. Who knows, maybe you'll be serenaded while you eat! Mark your calendar now.

These luncheons continue to be a wonderful way to build community while also supporting Live Oak's fundraising budget. Please continue to support this program, and the hosting groups, by joining us each month. And remember, visitors eat for free as our guests - **perhaps you want to invite a friend to attend Sunday service and enjoy lunch with you.**

Social Justice News



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

March 10: International Women's Day Gathering at De La Guerra Plaza for a short rally and march in recognition of women across the globe

March 12: PFLAG Meeting (LGBTQ , a parent, a family member, a friend or ally,) 7:00 p.m. " Grandma, I'm Gay...A Special Coming Out Story Across Generations," First United Methodist Church, 305 E. Anapamu St. at Garden Entrance to parking off Garden Street behind church.

March 14: Enough! National School Walkout 10-10:17 at any High School

March 24: March for Our Lives Santa Barbara, 11am-2pm De La Guerra Plaza

April 10: 7pm Film and discussion: "The Land Speaks Arabic," Hosted by SB Anti War Collective and Jewish Voice for Peace-SB, at St. Michael's University Church, 6586 Picasso, IV

Stewardship News

Our Stewardship Drive this year is a series of small group events in some members' homes. This Sunday you will once again have the opportunity to sign up for a Stewardship event happening in a home you choose to attend. Please look for our table this Sunday and choose a time you can 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 for the events, please note the times and events below and call **Carter and Wendy Morgan (683- 5303)**, and we will help you find an event that works into your schedule. We are so appreciative of the hosts and stewards making this all happen. Be sure to sign up soon to get the spot you want! Pledge packets have now been mailed, so if you haven't received one, please let us know.

In gratitude, Your Stewardship Team

Jim Pearson, Jim Wells, Roberta Weissglass, Carter and Wendy Morgan

- * Friday, March 9th, dinner at 6:30 at Jim Wells' home, Santa Barbara-3 openings!
- * Tuesday, March 13th, dinner at 6:00 at Lars and Colleen Poulsen's, Santa Barbara -5 openings!
- * Thursday, March 15th, dinner at 6:00 at Barbara Eggemeyer's, Santa Barbara -1 opening!
- * Saturday, March 17th, brunch at 10:00 at Melanie Jacobson and Jim Pearson's, Goleta- 3 openings!

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

Laurette Valentine 3/17,

Lars Poulsen 3/22,

Mary Ince 3/25,

Christy Harter 3/25,

Ken Johnson 3/27,

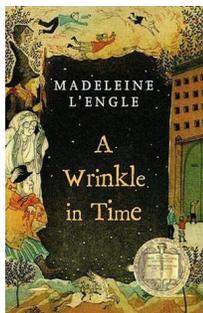
Sibyl Cabeen 3/28,

Paris Psaros 3/29,

Kristin Ingalls 3/29,

Wendy Morgan 3/30

You're Invited!



The new daytime book discussion group will meet Monday, April 2nd at 2PM in the cottage at Live Oak. We will be discussing *A Wrinkle In Time* by Madeleine L'Engle.

For Information please contact
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Supporting Our Members

See Lura Pearson or her mom, Melanie, this Sunday to purchase a ticket for opening night of *Newsies*, DPHS Theater Company's spring musical production, inspired by the Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City. Lura will be performing in what promises to be a spectacular, dance-infused event. The pre-sale ticket price is \$10.00, normally \$15, general admission.

Aletha Solter will lead a 4-hour workshop for parents in Santa Barbara on Saturday, March 17, sponsored by SBCC School of Extended Learning. The topic is "Connecting with your teenager." Click here for more information:
<http://www.awareparenting.com/teenagerflyer.pdf>

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

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