

The Acorn

March 12, 2017

This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?
No problem!

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Don't Forget to *Spring Forward* on Sunday, March 12



Live Oak Office Hours
3/13-3/17
M-F 9:00-1:00

Save the Date

Saturday, March 18th 10AM
at Live Oak

The Dance of Life auction item (a guided moving meditation similar to Tai Chi) is open for additional participants. \$10 donation to Live Oak



Woman Power!

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki and Naomi Casanova Suzuki

In February, Rev. Tamara and her daughter Naomi attended the 2017 International Unitarian Universalist Women's Convocation. Join us this morning as they share their experience at this gathering.

Sunday March 12
Daylight Savings
10:00 A.M. Worship
12:00 P.M. OWL (C)
3:00 P.M. Rental (S)

Monday March 13
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday March 14
6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday March 15
12:30 P.M. Staff Meeting
5:00 P.M. Social Justice (C)
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection

Thursday March 16
2:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry (C)
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday March 17
10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)

Saturday March 18
10:00 A.M. Auction Item
The Dance of Life (S)

Sunday March 19
10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU (C)
12:00 P.M. OWL (C)

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

March 19: Salvation, Redemption and Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education

Lora Barnett

As a congregation, we have a long history of providing the Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education program to youth in our community. Most of us understand this work as life-affirming (and saving!) as well as justice-making. But what theologies are active in this work and how are we changed as individuals and as a community as a result of offering this program? This is a service for any and all people living in bodies.

March 26: UU Theology 101

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

We stand in the flowing river of time as we covenant to support not just this cherished community at Live Oak, but our larger and very proud faith tradition. On this Celebration Sunday, as we come together in gratitude for all we have found at Live Oak, we lift our eyes to see where we stand in the broader movement of our faith with its broad tent theology.

Children's Exploration



In one week, our Jedi Knights will be trained, disciplined guardians of the Universe. Our Lightsaber this week is PURPLE, which promotes the interconnectedness of the Universe. We will focus on how the Force and our Earth come together to create goodness and infinite possibilities through interconnectedness. We will facilitate a gathering of the Force, and bless each other with authentic power, then we will finish our personal Droids so that we are more effective Jedi Knights. Jedis, be thinking about naming your Droid and giving it a specific power that complements your own.

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows

In most Sunday services we build community by providing the opportunity to share brief personal, heartfelt joys and sorrows with our Live Oak community in attendance. There have been requests that this information be shared via our weekly newsletter, the Acorn, for those who are unable to attend on a given Sunday.

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team and Rev. Tamara have decided to try the following, effective this Sunday, March 12:

- 1) All Joys and Sorrows shared in a Sunday service will be printed in the Acorn unless the person sharing "opts out" by contacting Rev. Tamara.
- 2) Rev. Tamara and the Pastoral Care Ministry team reserve the right to edit.
- 3) If you would like a joy or sorrow shared only in the Acorn, please send to Rev. Tamara.
- 4) We welcome any feedback or suggestions. If you would like to comment, please send an email to Rev. Tamara or Pastoral Care Ministry Team chair, Wilma Seelye.

Blessings and love,
Rev. Tamara

SOUPeR Sunday Continues!



Thanks to the awesome Men's Connection for starting off 2017 in fine form by hosting Souper Sunday in January. It was a big success! And then last month, the FUUn Team hosted a very special, and free, "suped-up" Souper Sunday Valentine's Day luncheon. Besides soups, there was a great variety of other delicious food and desserts; the sense of community was special on this day after our Live Oak auction. **Our next Souper Sunday will be this Sunday, March 12**, and is being hosted by our wonderful Live Oak Choir. We know how beautifully our choir members sing, and now they get to show off their culinary talents as well! Mark your calendars for another tasty and nutritious meal that day after the service.

These luncheons continue to be a wonderful way to build community while also raising a few dollars for Live Oak. We have groups scheduled to host in March, April, and May. However, **we still need volunteers for June. What about you?** It really is fun and not hard to do. As was shown in December, even a group of 3 people is sufficient for creating a fabulous Souper Sunday meal. If YOU would like to cook for a Souper Sunday, please contact Carter Morgan at 683-5303 or by email: morganfamily1@cox.net You will be provided with clear instructions to make this a simple event. Thanks for considering this request, and thanks to all of the individuals and groups that have stepped up this year!

Live Oak UU Annual Stewardship Drive

Shining Brighter: Being a Beacon of Hope and Strength in an Uncertain Time

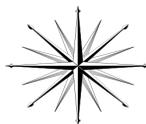
We are so excited to begin our Stewardship Season! During this month, we'll hear from members with Pulpit Editorials, there will be updates and announcements, and we'll get together for a wonderful luncheon celebration to culminate our pledging. Here are some dates you'll want to keep in mind:

Friday, March 10: Pre-pledging event for Board Members and Ministry Chairs at the Morgan's home at 7:00 for dessert and drinks

Sunday, March 12: Pledge packets will again be available after the service, for those who didn't get them the week before.

Monday, March 13: Any packets left will be mailed. (Pledge cards can be turned in early, either to the office or to a member of the Stewardship Drive Team.)

Sunday, March 26: Stewardship Sunday! After service we'll meet for salads, sandwiches, and desserts and turn in our pledges.



With gratitude for your good intentions and generosity,
Your Stewardship Drive Team: Jim Pearson, Jim Wells, Roberta Weissglass, Ron Kronenberg, Carter Morgan, and Wendy Morgan



Social Justice News

Sanctuary

We, at Live Oak, have been talking about how we can assist in the sanctuary movement. Reverend Peter Morales, our UUA President, has asked all congregations what they can do to further this cause. **One way to help would be to go to this** upcoming interfaith workshop and bring back knowledge to share with Live Oakers. Please consider attending!

SANCTUARY WORKSHOP, Sponsored by CLUE SB and IFI: **Wednesday, March 22 11:30-1:30pm**, United Methodist Church, 305 E. Anapamu. **Interfaith** introductory workshop for religious leaders, congregants and allies, about faith based sanctuary. Register [here](#).

Saturday, April 15: Honeysuckle Possums Concert at Live Oak to benefit ACLU, sponsored by LO Social Justice Ministry. Come and bring your friends! It is a great cause in these troubled times and you can enjoy great music and make a difference in our world!



What Biracial People Know By Moises Velasquez-Manoff
(Link to an interesting article from the New York Times 3.5.17 JR)

“Constant exposure to people who see race as a fluid concept—who define themselves as Asian, Hawaiian, black or white interchangeably—makes rigid thinking about race harder to maintain, ... And that flexibility rubs off. In a forthcoming study, Dr. Pauker finds that white college students who move from the mainland to Hawaii begin to think differently about race. Faced daily with evidence of a complex reality, their ideas about who’s in and who’s out, and what belonging to any group really means, relax.”

Upcoming Social Justice Community Events

Wednesday, March 15-12-2pm: Long Walk to Freedom: The Home Stretch: Keeping People with Mental Illness Out of Jail, Faulkner Gallery, League of Women Voters forum.

Wednesday, March 15: The Ides of Trump. A grassroots event of writing and mailing postcards to the Trump White House, to publicly express opposition. Each of us — every protester from every march, each Congress-calling citizen, every boycotter, volunteer, donor, and petition signer - if each of us writes even a single postcard and we put them all in the mail on the same day, March 15th, it will visibly show him our strength. Mail to: President Donald J. Trump, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20500 <https://www.facebook.com/events/1150707355055540/>

Saturday, March 18: SB [Progressive Coalition](#) at 1:30-3:30 pm at Casa de la Raza

Saturday, Apr. 22, 11am-2pm: March for Science on Earth Day. This is a celebration of our passion for science and a call to support and safeguard the scientific community. De L Guerra Plaza: Speakers at 11am. At noon, march down State St and back up, ending at Earth Day Festival in Alameda Park. Bring signs, lab coats. (Washington DC march. Los Angeles march will be downtown.)<https://www.facebook.com/events/241005116351627/>

Social Justice News Continued

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

PROTECT THE RIGHT TO SUE: Congress is pushing legislation that will make consumer, personal injury, medical malpractice and elder abuse lawsuits nearly impossible to pursue. These bills will rig the system against individuals and tip the scales in favor of powerful corporate defendants. HR 1215, the "Protecting Access to Care Act," will undermine if not eliminate state law, including our state Elder Abuse Act protections. Please contact all Congress people regarding this.

To protect our environment please take action on this:

Monday, Mar. 13, 9am -EMAIL AND/or ATTEND to Deny Oil Trains. The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors will consider approving the Phillips 66 Crude-Oil Rail Terminal project in Nipomo. We urge you to testify to urge denial of this project. The SLO Planning Commission denied the project; please urge the Board to uphold the Planning Commission's decision. If appealed, we could have trains regularly running through Goleta and Santa Barbara transporting oil, which is very dangerous to our homes, parks, schools, environmentally sensitive habitat, and precious water resources. Here are TWO ACTIONS you can take to stop the rolling oil train bombs from polluting our neighborhoods and threatening our families:

1. Write a letter urging the SLO Board of Supervisors to deny this project. Send to the SLO County Board of Supervisors at 1055 Monterey Street, Room D430, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or email it to boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us.
2. Speak up at the public hearing on March 13, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1055 Monterey St (next to the historic Fremont Theater), San Luis Obispo

When: Monday, March 13 at 9:00 A.M. (be at the Theater between 8-9 A.M. to get your speaker slip)

For Your Information: Our Members of Congress

- * 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 <https://carbajal.house.gov/>.

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Supporting our Members

Lura Pearson is performing the role of Hodel, one of the daughters in Goleta Valley Jr. High School's production of the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, playing at 7pm on Friday and Saturday evenings, **March 17th and 18th, and at 2pm on Sunday afternoon, March 19th.** She's featured in musical number, "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," and sings to Tevye, "Far from the Home I Love." John Douglas is orchestra director of the show.

Extending our social justice values to the world: Melanie Jacobson's friend and colleague, Annette Holdman, whose son was a Live Oak YRUU youth years ago, is leading her seventh a Habitat for Humanity trip this summer - this time to Argentina! She invites your participation. Follow this link for details of what promises to be an incredible experience: <http://www.habitat.org/volunteer/travel-and-build/global-village/trips/gv18204>

Live Oak Bulletin Board

The Live Oak bulletin board is here! Thank you to the Membership Ministry for researching and purchasing the board and thank you to the Live Oak Facility Team for it's installation.

The bulletin board is a much needed addition to the Live Oak campus. It will serve as a central place of information for members and visitors. On it you will find the monthly calendar, information about Live Oak groups, events and much more!

Due to limited space we will only be posting Live Oak events. If you have something you would like to post please contact Clacey Kahn, our Administrator at (administrator@liveoakgoleta.org)

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

If you have not shared your birthday month/date with us and wish to do so, please contact Liz at elazok@gmail.com

Patricia Borgman 3/3, Michael Wittman 3/4, Hal Hill 3/4
Jim Pearson 3/5, Roberta Weissglass 3/7, Laurette Valentine 3/17,
Lars Poulsen 3/22, Mary Ince 3/25, Christy Harter 3/25, Ken Johnson
3/27, Paris Psaros 3/29, Kristin Ingalls 3/29, Wendy Morgan 3/30