

# The Acorn

March 15, 2019

## This Week's Events and Meetings

### Save the Date!

UUA GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY  
Spokane,  
Washington

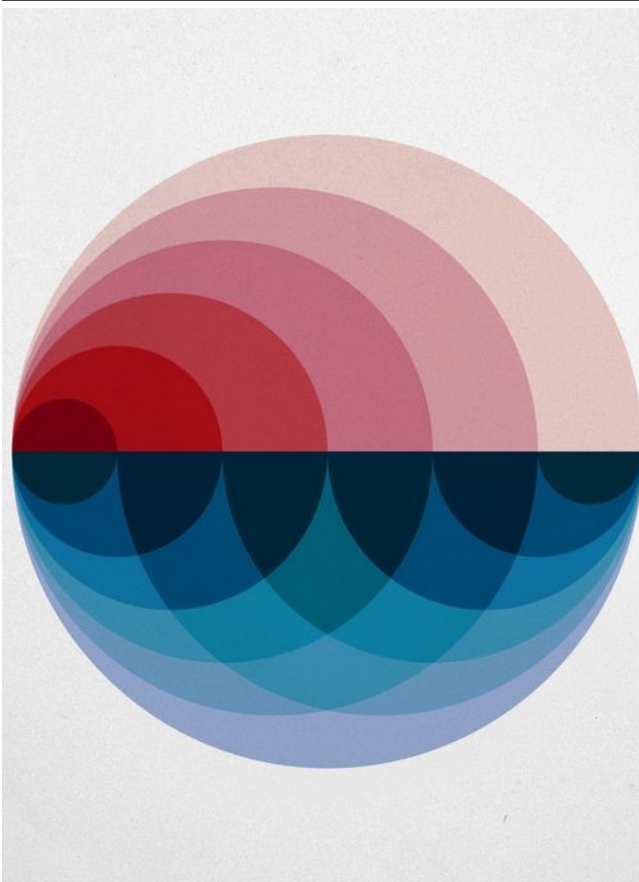
June 19-23, 2019  
More info coming  
soon!

### FUUN First Friday Movie Night!



April 5th at  
7:00 P.M.

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### *Transcendental Women* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

It's true that every month should be Women's Month!! This morning, in honor of March being designated as Women's Month, we'll hear the stories of women often overlooked in retelling the history of the Transcendentalist movement.

#### Friday March 15

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

#### Saturday March 16

No Scheduled Events

#### Sunday March 17

10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU (C)

#### Monday March 18

No Scheduled Events

#### Tuesday March 19

3:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry (C)  
7:00 P.M. Sangha

#### Wednesday March 20

9:00 Coordinating Team Mtg. (C)  
11:00 A.M. Good Relations  
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)  
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection (C)

#### Thursday March 21

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

#### Friday March 22

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

#### Saturday March 23

No Scheduled Events

#### Sunday March 24

10:00 A.M. Worship (S)

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

## Upcoming Sermons

**March 24: *Birds on a Wire*** Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

We touch the whole, the universal, through the particular. Our abstract love of the whole must be made concrete through the love of each other in particular. Today we celebrate the end of our annual stewardship season, a living practice of turning the abstract into the concrete.

**March 31: *Never Give Up*** Sue Smiley

Life is too short sit around and complain or whine. You have to learn to do the best with the cards you are given. Come join Live Oak member Sue Smiley as she reflects on challenges met and shares her philosophy of life.

## Children's Religious Exploration

Thank you to Krystal, Stephanie and Jacob for overseeing the "Outward Journey", as our 8-12 year olds tackled their "pilgrimage" through our own Live Oak obstacle course. We called it their "Hero's Journey" complete with a cupcake feast at the end.

**3RD-7TH GRADE:** Our journey this week is through justice. We will do a peaceful march through campus in silence for our favorite cause, then put this part of our journey into practical application through role play.

**TEEN/COMING OF AGE:** This Sunday is a big step for our Coming of Age teens.... We are wrapping up their curriculum "The Road Less Travelled" with Mary and Kelly. We have one more "Spiritual Practice" day in April and two more mentor meetings (one today in fact) then it will be May 5. Hope you can come to this special service featuring our youth.

### FOOD DRIVE:

Please email me at [dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org) if you are interested in helping with the food drive on April 7 & 14. This is a collaborative effort to create goodwill and awareness. The food drive will be about an hour after services on those two Sundays. We will be walking the neighborhoods around Live Oak on the 7th, so no cars needed. Thank you!! All ages welcomed!

### RE CALENDAR

- **March 17:** Coming of Age mentor meeting. After service.
- **April 7:** Coming of Age with Tai Chi Master Rich Douvin.
- **April 7/14 Food Drive:** Membership and RE distribute/collect in the neighborhoods around Live Oak. Sign up [dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org).
- **April 12:** Multi-Generational Game Night with Mo & Paul-6:30 Fellowship Hall. Snacks and beverages are always welcome as are friends!

## Children's Religious Exploration

- **April 14:** Coming of Age mentor meeting. After service.
- **May 5:** Coming of Age service.

### RACHEL AND ALEXA: CHILD CARE

Please come by RE and meet Rachel Iler-Keniston and Alexa Nelson who are working in Live Oak's child care. They are lovely and very experienced with kids. Alexa is from the Sacramento area and Rachel is from Massachusetts. They are both at UCSB and they alternate weeks.

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO LIGHT THE CHALICE OR TAKE THE TRAVELLING CHALICE HOME!**

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice"  
-Rev Martin Luther King Jr.

## Joys & Sorrows

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

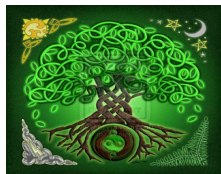
- Janet Mocker: A prayer for her colleague who is having eye surgery.
- Liz Z: Gratitude for her daughter Nicole and Kyle's safe travels to Nigeria and back.
- Ron Kronenberg: Sorrow for the passing of a friend of Live Oak, Parkie Parker.

## Spring Equinox Celebration

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 11AM  
Live Oak UU Outdoor Sanctuary

In Chinese thought, spring is associated with the east, the sunrise direction as Earth spins us toward the beginning of each new day. Join us in honoring the new season with the Five Elements Taiji Movement Meditation.

Through metaphor, this guided meditation relates wood, water, earth, fire and metal to all phases of our experience. The movements are simple, meaningful, and easy to follow.



## Adult Programs Schedule

- **April 10: Healthy Eating for Ourselves and our Planet;** Begins at **6:00 P.M.** with a vegan potluck followed by a film and short discussion.
- **May 8: Prison Outreach** Affirming Prisoners' Inherent Worth and Dignity, discussion led by Holly Cook.

If you have questions, comments or would like to present a topic, please contact Sylvia Sullivan at [sylvia805@cox.net](mailto:sylvia805@cox.net) or (805) 451-3195.



## The Live Oak Traveling Chalice



Live Oak's latest family to take home the chalice

Live Oak has a fun new way to share our UU identity and our Live Oak spirit:

our Traveling Chalice program!

The purpose of the Traveling Chalice Program is to deepen our understanding of one of our most familiar Unitarian Universalist symbols. The light of the chalice connects us all together and is a sacred element of our beloved community.

The chalice may also be used as a symbol of hope when one is experiencing a sense of darkness. Hopefully through this program we will learn about its history and how it brings people together through learning and love. Each week a Live Oak household is taking home the Traveling Chalice, which is inside a special Chalice Box. A sign-up sheet is located in the Live Oak hallway near the offices.

More details are in the box. Sign up now for your week and PLEASE: remember to bring the box back each Sunday for the next household to take home. ENJOY!

Love, Rev. Tamara

## Caring Network

Caring Network: for All of Us by All of Us

Live Oak has a supportive group that helps those in temporary need of assistance. The types of tasks undertaken range from child care, errands, meals, and rides to various destinations. Help is often needed during sickness, surgery or when life overwhelms us.

This is a volunteer group which you may join. It provides all of us an opportunity to directly help Live Oak individuals during a time of acute need. You will not be called upon often but when you are, you will know that your efforts will be sincerely appreciated. Perhaps you have already benefited from this group.

The Caring Network is a part of Pastoral Care. Please contact Wilma Seelye, Chair of Pastoral Care to offer your help.

-Thank you.

## Stewardship News

Greetings, wonderful Live Oakers!

Our Stewardship Drive is in full swing, and we had many events that demonstrate how much we like to be together! There is still time to sign up for the one remaining event!

- **Wednesday, March 20th** at Carter and Wendy Morgan's home from 7:00-9:00, serving dessert and drinks.

Thank you for your participation and your generosity!

Your Stewardship Team  
Carter and Wendy Morgan, Roberta Weissglass,  
Jim Wells, Jim Pearson, Jennifer Lamberts and Carrie Topliffe

## Social Justice News

Learn about The Climate Mobilization, an international organization that has local chapters springing up around the world in response to the climate emergency. They are working with all other environmental groups, hoping to bring everyone together in this critical time. We hope to have the next meeting of this organization at Live Oak at the end of March or beginning of April. Keep watching! <https://www.theclimatemobilization.org/>

- **March 27: LO Social Justice Ministry Meeting,**  
Everyone is welcome in the Cottage! 4:30 p.m.

### Community Activities

- **March 17: Santa Barbara Permaculture Network** presents the first annual **Eco Hero Award, honoring John D. Liu**, international journalist, award-winning documentary filmmaker, soil scientist, founder and ambassador for the global network of Ecosystem Restoration Camps. Lobero Theater, 6:30-9, tickets \$10, \$20.
- **March 30: Pilgrimage to Peace in the Middle East**, Suzann Mollner, Executive Director of *Beirut and Beyond*, a Palestinian refugee support organization, Obada Shtaya, formerly of *One Voice Movement*, now with *Zimam*, empowering young Palestinian leaders, CMEP Outreach Director Sara Burbach and Development Director Alison Glick complete the panel. Trinity Episcopal Church.
- **April 26: Earth Day Concert**, Alameda Park, 5-9 pm
- **April 27-28: Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival**, Alameda Park, 11-6 or 8.
- **May 1: "White Racial Identity,"** Dr. Cheri Gurse and Dr. Steven Shapiro, 6:30-8:30pm, Antioch, free and open to the public.

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

#### 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).
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## Live Oak Receives 5-Star Reviews on Yelp!

Live Oak is a large family, or tribe, mostly functional, definitely inclusive. For someone who never joined any group in his life, Live Oak is a new, mostly pleasant experience. You can't choose your family, but you can choose your congregation. -Gil Green

Live Oak is my favorite place to be on Sunday morning! If you are looking for spiritual growth, a very welcoming community, great music, intelligent, smart and socially and politically active people, great sermons and a very fun coffee hour after the services, come and check out Live Oak UU Congregation. - Teka Penteriche

After many years of working hard and “problem solving” to “grow” Live Oak, on a recent Sunday I found myself sitting back during Sunday service and wondering in amazement at what Live Oak has become - a beautiful facility with wonderful, warm, and caring people, inspiring music and message - a place to come home to. - Gail Boehme



## Supporting Our Members

**Conor Dolan, Rebecca and Sophia Jamgochian** will be performing in this weekend's production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, March 15, 16 (7:00 p.m.) and March 17 (3 pm) at Goleta Valley Junior High School. It's going to be a great show!

**Carrie Topliffe** and **Barbara Hodgdon** both have photographs on display at the Goleta Library during the month of March as part of a Channel City Camera Club Exhibit. You are invited to stop by.

## Happy Birthday to friends and members celebrating upcoming birthdays !



Laurette Valentine 3/17, Kate McGuinness 3/20, Lars Poulsen 3/22, Mary Ince 3/25

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