

The Acorn

March 18, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?

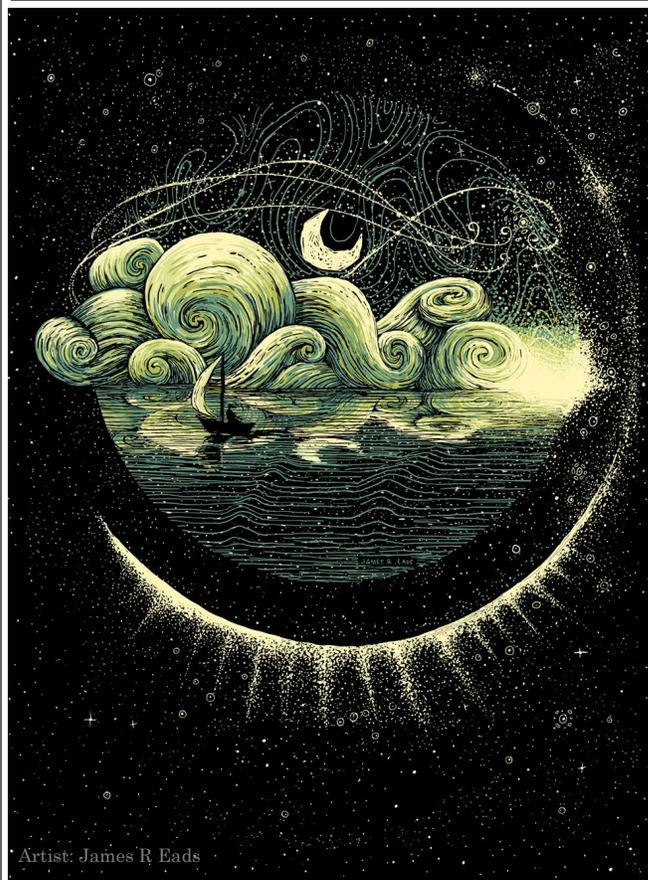
Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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

Live Oak Event Book!



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Artist: James R. Eads

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.

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)

Monday March 19

5:00 P.M. RE Council Mtg.

Tuesday March 20

3:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry (C)
6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry (offsite)
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday March 21

10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.
1:30 P.M. Coordinating Team Mtg.
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection (C)

Thursday March 22

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday March 23

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

Saturday March 24

5:00 P.M. Reserved (S)

Sunday March 25

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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Upcoming Sermons

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: We are so close to the end of "Love Connects Us", and it's been a beautiful curriculum to work with our preteens. In this lesson, we focus on the idea "We All Work Together". Much of this week's work will be from a child's perspective. The idea is surely a tribute to this community in the face of disaster and the need to come together. Krystal will work with teens this week as they take on their own leadership abilities. Grace will be available for our youngest members.

Talking To Our Children: In light of a LOT of issues that are going on these days, from school shootings to homelessness to natural disasters, our children are in the thick of life and technology being what it is, hear things out in the world that can be downright scary, even to adults. Of course, our job is always to give them perspective on whatever is going on in a way they can best assimilate it at the age/maturity level they are at. Here is a link to an article you might be interested in if you relate to this:

https://www.common sense media.org/blog/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-difficult-subjects?j=6241328&l=512_HTML&u=98939857&mid=7000332&jb=220&utm_source=022318+Default&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly#

Thank you to Pat Johnson for this article, and if any of you have other articles around kids and parenting, please feel free to send me a link so I can look at it.

Congratulations and What's Coming Up: Congratulations to Lura Pearson and Rebecca Jamgochian for your beautiful work in last Friday night's "Teens Sing" concert with Kenny Loggins and other guests at the Marjorie Luke Theater at SB Jr High. They raised almost \$50,000.00 as a fundraiser for the victims of the Montecito mudslides!!

It was such an amazing show that Live Oak showed up in droves and we had to cancel our monthly Game Night. Oh well, this was a one-time thing, and please re-join us for our Intergenerational Game Night on Second Friday April 13 at 6:30.

Also coming up are the various musical performances at the junior highs and high schools, and I will let you know when these are as well!!

We are all dependent on one another, every soul of us on earth. -George Bernard Shaw

Joys and Sorrows

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

- * Carter Morgan: Joy in being part of the stewardship campaign. He and Wendy hosted a party of 10 and it went well.
- * Liz Zok: Sorrow and mourning the loss of her online friend Virginia, who died at the age of 46 on Friday.
- * Chris Noddings: Joy about being at Live Oak and that he now has a job with the city of Goleta as a planner. He and his family will now be able to stay in the area.
- * Michael Wittman: Shared he had a medical procedure last Tuesday. It did not require an overnight hospital stay and he was feeling grateful for the medical care in Santa Barbara.
- * Priscilla Marchus: She is back from Hawaii and feeling her mortality. A friend with whom she went to Greece is now in hospice, and another friend from Treble Clef has been diagnosed with cancer.

Board News

The Board of Trustees of Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation hereby calls a special congregational meeting immediately after the worship service on **March 25. This will be a one-issue meeting.** expected to last no longer than five-ten minutes, in order to vote on whether Live Oak will co-ordain (along with USSB) our former Ministerial Student Intern, Lora Barnett.

-Thank you, Carter Morgan, Board of Trustees President

Stewardship Update

Live Oak - *Your Spiritual Fitness Center* - Stewardship Update

As of March 11, we've received 32 pledges. 21 pledges are higher than last year! Thanks so much to Live Oak members and friends for your continued generosity!! Thanks also to the wonderful hosts and stewards of our stewardship gatherings; you make everyone feel welcome and included. You are terrific, and the Stewardship Team really appreciates each of you.

There are still a few more gatherings coming up, and some have openings if you have not yet attended one. Please call Carter and Wendy Morgan to sign up: 683-5303 or email: morganfamily1@cox.net.

If you haven't yet turned in your pledge, please send it in or bring it to Live Oak by Sunday, March 18. Of course, if you are attending one of the upcoming gatherings, you will bring your pledge packet there.

Please plan to celebrate this successful stewardship season with the whole congregation after a short congregational meeting on Sunday, March 25. Look for some healthy treats at your *spiritual fitness center!*

Social Justice News

March 28: Social Justice Ministry Meeting 4-6pm in the Cottage. Everyone is welcome! Contact Jan Ross if you would like an agenda ahead of the meeting (jandjross@cox.net, 570-3133).

April 1-30: Watch for "Write Here! Write Now!" letter writing advocacy campaign during Climate Justice Month (April 2018).



March for our Lives Santa Barbara - Saturday, March 24

Please join Reverend Tamara and members of our Social Justice Ministry as we stand up for our UU values and with our local students in this national student-led movement for gun reform. **Bring your Live Oak rally signs; add your message on the blank side!**

- * **Carpooling:** meet at Live Oak at 10:00 a.m. to carpool downtown. We will leave promptly at 10:10. (Rally begins at 11:00 – see details below.)
https://www.facebook.com/events/2170846746265157/?active_tab=about

Students, their families, and supporters will rally and march on March 24, 2018 at De La Guerra Plaza in Santa Barbara, CA at 10 am. We stand in solidarity with the survivors of the Stoneman Douglas High School massacre, in honor of the kids who died there, and in support of all students who fear for their lives. The regularity of school shootings and gun violence against children is a uniquely American tragedy. Congress refuses to enact sensible, tried-and-tested laws to protect our children. 1,300 children each year die from gun related deaths, with a disproportionate number of the victims being children of color.

SHOW UP: 10:00 a.m. We'll have voter registration tables, sign-making supplies, and information from various local groups. Pickup of pre-ordered official March t-shirts begins at 10 am. (Too late to order shirts at this point.)

RALLY: 11:00 a.m. Speakers will be brief and will include people personally affected by our epidemic of gun violence.

MARCH: 12:00 noon. We march peacefully along State Street to 210 Victoria St. Additional route details to come soon.

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

Amazon is tripling its donation through 3/31!

The AmazonSmile triple donation promotion has started! Amazon is **tripling the donation amount** to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31. This is a great opportunity to increase Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation's AmazonSmile donations!

How many of us Live Oakers and friends use Amazon to order items? (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](https://smile.amazon.com) 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](https://smile.amazon.com) 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

Path to Membership

Wondering about being a member of Live Oak?

The Membership Ministry will be hosting a newcomer orientation, "Path to Membership", on Saturday, April 14, from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Cottage at Live Oak. We'd love to have you!

Rev. Tamara will lead this class, and a delicious lunch will be included. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this next step on the path to becoming a member. RSVP to administrator@liveoakgoleta.org. Child care will be provided if you let us know!

Your Membership Ministry,

David Echols, Barbara Hodgdon, Mary Ince, Priscilla Marchus (Co-Chair), Debbie Mackie (Co-Chair), Carter Morgan and Liz Zok.

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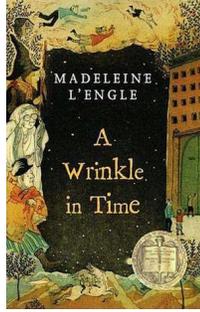
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**Happy Birthday to the
following friends and
members celebrating
upcoming birthdays !**

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
Jeanne Northsinger
805-898-1085 jnorthsinger@gmail.com.

Supporting Our Members

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>

Carter Morgan's band, The Nombres will be playing this Saturday night, March 17, at Cold Spring Tavern. It will be an evening of St. Patrick's Day fun. Bring friends and your dancing shoes, and be ready for a great time. They play from 5:00 - 8:00 (so you'd even have time to slip down to Dargan's Pub in SB for a nightcap). We hope to see you!

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.