

The Acorn

March 19, 2017

This Week's Meetings and Events

Sunday March 19

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

Monday March 20

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday March 21

4:00 P.M. Facility Meeting
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday March 22

No Scheduled Events

Thursday March 23

Live Oak Office Closed
9:00 A.M. Covenant Group
7:00 P.M. Eve Book Group
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday March 24

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

Saturday March 25

10:00 A.M. Rental (S)

Sunday March 26

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Stewardship Luncheon (FH)
12:00 P.M. OWL (C)

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events-calendar/](http://liveoakgoleta.org/events-calendar/)

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

**Miss a Sermon?
No problem!**

Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

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

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



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.

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows



As a community we share in the following Joys and Sorrows

- * Joy for women and girls everywhere!
- * Michael Wittman and Marie Arnold: Joy of having a new grandson, Oliver Wittman, born Mar. 9 to son Greg Wittman and Jillian.
- * Pat Johnson: Daughter, Keri, moved to Reno, which is sad for them, but she's found a UU congregation and is singing in the choir.
- * Jim Ross: Joy in finding a home for their daughter, Megan, just 2 blocks from their house. A concern, however, is that she found a lump in her breast.
- * Jessica Lewis: Joy in remembering that her mother took her to a UU church, and it was the first day of daylight savings, so they were late, but welcomed.
- * Priscilla Marchus: Sorrow in the unexpected death of her sister-in-law. Also, Priscilla is concerned for an old-time friend of Glen's who had a stroke last Sun.



Upcoming Sermons

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.

Half Basket

Live Oak Supports our Muslim Neighbors

As they have gone from a fire a month ago that left their interim office and prayer center on Ward Drive destroyed while two weeks later they broke ground for their permanent Mosque that will provide them their first real home—and it will be in our “neighborhood.” This Sunday we take a half-basket in support of these people who we are proud to have had worship with us and we with them and we have worked together for Social Justice in our community. We also stand in gratitude that the fire was accidental and did not start in the temporary Ward Drive Center. For more information—contact Marty Jenkins.



Children's Exploration



Today, our young Padawans graduate from the Jedi Temple as Guardians of Peace in the Galaxy in our last day of Star Wars. They have studied the various powers of the light sabers by color and relationship to the 7 UU Principles. We will call in the Force, quiet our minds and put our light sabers into action before we take the final test of our initiation. Please make sure that all Jedi artwork and Droids get back to their respective planetary units today. And remember Jedi Knights..."The Force, it's calling you. Just let it in."

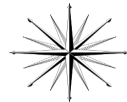
Live Oak UU Annual Stewardship Drive Update

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

We are so excited to continue our Stewardship Drive! During these next two weeks, we'll hear from more Live Oak members with Pulpit Editorials, and there will be further updates and announcements. Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, March 26, when we'll get together for a wonderful luncheon celebration to culminate our pledging. (Please contact Roberta Weissglass if you'd like to offer a hand.)



Your stewardship drive team would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those individuals who have already made their 2017-18 pledge for their generosity and commitment. As of last Sunday, we had received pledges totaling \$102,594, which gets us on our way to our goal of \$220,000. Of the pledges received thus far, 74% are increases over last year! Of course, we still have a long way to go before we meet our goal. YOUR pledge is needed to make Live Oak shine bright as a beacon of hope and action in these uncertain times.



Monday, March 13: Remaining pledge packets were mailed. Please contact us if for some reason you have not received your materials. 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 any pledges not yet received.

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



What Does it Mean to be White? Come explore this question with others on **March 29 at 7:00 P.M.** at Live Oak. All are welcome for these discussions. We will watch a couple of short films and then share our feelings about this topic to understand ourselves better and to understand the systemic racism of our culture.



April 15 at 7:00 P.M. Honeysuckle Possums Concert at Live Oak to benefit ACLU, sponsored by LO Social Justice Ministry with special thanks to Tom Lee. 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!

Upcoming Social Justice Community Events

March 18, 1:30-3:30 P.M. : **SB Progressive Coalition** at Casa de la Raza.

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

March 26, 1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M.: **ERA MARCH FOR EQUALITY**, hosted by Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee, De La Guerra Plaza, Santa Barbara
<https://www.facebook.com/events/817046111775952/?ti=as>

Apr. 22, 11:00A.M.-2:00 P.M.: **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 La 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/>

Apr. 29, 11:00 A.M.: **PEOPLE'S MARCH FOR CLIMATE, JUSTICE AND JOBS:** 11 am, Location TBA On Trump's 100th day in office, environmental and climate justice organizations are calling for this march in DC, NY, and around the world. A broad coalition of local environmental groups are organizing the Santa Barbara companion march.
<https://actionnetwork.org/events/peoples-climate-march-santa-barbara?referrer=&source=widget>

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action 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
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- * 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 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>

This is Us! Concert & Potluck— Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 P.M. Free concert and potluck featuring the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara Chancel, Choir & Women's Chorale, with guest choir from the congregation B'nai B'rith & Members of the Santa Barbara Trombone Society. To be held at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara. 1535 Santa Barbara Street at Arrellaga.

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

