

# The Acorn

March 22, 2019

## Save the Date!

UUA GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY  
Spokane,  
Washington

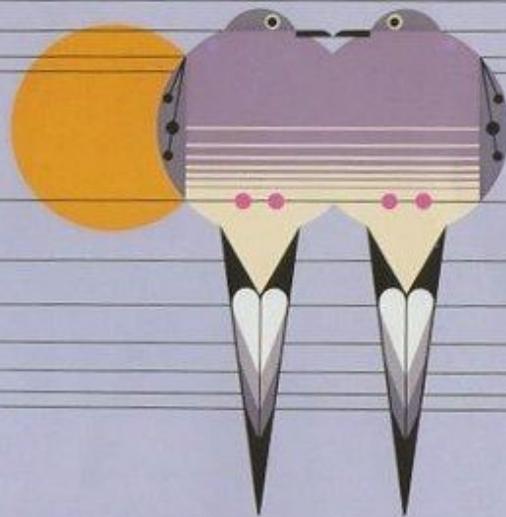
June 19-23, 2019  
More info coming  
soon!

## Live Oak Question of the Month!

Would you prefer  
our annual picnic  
to be catered,  
potluck or bring  
your own?

Click on the link  
below to submit  
your answer!

<https://s.surveymonkey.com/yEBEQ22yr>



Artist: Charley Harper

## ***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.

## This Week's Events and Meetings

### **Friday March 22**

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

### **Saturday March 23**

11:00 A.M. Spring Equinox Celebration (Outdoor Sanctuary)

### **Sunday March 24**

#### **Admin on Site**

10:00 A.M. Worship

### **Monday March 25**

#### **Live Oak Office Closed**

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

### **Tuesday March 26**

4:00 P.M. Facility Mtg. (C)

6:00 P.M. Board Mtg. (FH)

7:00 P.M. Sangha

### **Wednesday March 27**

4:30 P.M. Social Justice (C)

6:00 P.M. Adama (S)

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

### **Thursday March 28**

10:00 A.M. Covenant Group (S)

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

### **Friday March 29**

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

### **Saturday March 30**

No Scheduled Events

### **Sunday March 31**

10:00 A.M. Worship (S)

11:30 A.M. Town Hall (S)

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

## Upcoming Sermons

### **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 and Melanie for delivering the message of "Journey for Justice" and to Kelly and Jacob for your time with our Coming of Agers.

**THIS WEEK IN RE-ALL STUDENTS (except child care):** This week's topic is using the idea of Journey as a place to start... a beginning. In Unitarian Universalism, we give our babies a Child Dedication Ceremony to welcome them to the congregation. We will explore this ceremony and explore how we might make it different or if we could all choose how our own dedication would go. We will also look at various ways to uphold this dedication from the congregation's stand point.

**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

- **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. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!! If you are interested (one or both days) contact Steven at [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!
- **April 14:** Coming of Age mentor meeting. After service.
- **May 5:** Coming of Age service.

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

"For me, becoming isn't about arriving somewhere or achieving a certain aim. I see it instead as forward motion, a means of evolving, a way to reach continuously toward a better self. The journey doesn't end." - Michelle Obama, Becoming

## Joys & Sorrows

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



- Aileen Chambers: Asked for healing thoughts for her sister Rosalind who is hospitalized, very ill, depressed, anxious and experiencing terrible pain.
- Priscilla Marchus; Shared that it's a joy to spend time with her granddaughter, Natalie, and sing with others from around CA. Sorrow is that Natalie's other Nana is in the hospital and quite ill with pancreatic/liver cancer.
- Eric Schug: Shared news of his mother's peaceful death on Feb. 27.
- Paul Maliszewski: Joy that he is a lung cancer survivor and just had a clean PET scan.
- Hal Hill: Expressed condolences for those killed in Christchurch, New Zealand at two mosques.
- Wendy and Carter Morgan: Shared they are very proud of their daughter, Sydney, who was on the Oakland teachers' strike. In her Super Woman costume, she led the charge to storm the building where the Board was holding an illegal meeting. The meeting disbanded.

### 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 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

## Stewardship Thanks!

Greetings, fellow Live Oakers,

This Sunday we are celebrating the end of our Stewardship Drive with delicious cake and some camaraderie! Please join us on the patio after service. Thank you so much to those who have already pledged! If you haven't yet turned in your pledge card, please bring it Sunday, as we'd like to wrap things up soon. *Don't make us come after you!* There is a folder in the Farmhouse hallway where you can leave your envelope, or give it to Jim Wells, Carter Morgan, Wendy Morgan, Roberta Weissglass or Carrie Topliffe.

As always, thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure! **We are Stronger Together!**

## Live Oak 5-Star Yelp Reviews!

If you are looking for *spiritual nourishment*, I recommend Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation. You might not even know it's there. It's located on the mountain side of Cathedral Oaks at 820 North Fairview Avenue in Goleta. It's a great place to bring the kids, family and friends. As soon as you arrive at this place you are warmly greeted. You will immediately feel welcomed and comfortable. The atmosphere is casual. The live music is amazing, the food-for-thought is delicious and the service is excellent. I recommend treating yourself to this place. You will not be disappointed.

-Michael Wittman

Kindness and empathy always overcome meanness and disregard. Stop by the Live Oak Congregation in Goleta, take a deep breath and experience the universal goodness at your fingertips. Your soul will soar. Angels aren't confined to heaven, in fact there are more angels on earth than in heaven. You may not have heard of the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, so check us out. Sunday will never be the same.

-Robb Rice



## Social Justice News



Rally at Columbia University, New York City

Thousands of Youth Worldwide Take Part in Climate Strike “By taking to the streets today to make their voices heard, young people are educating us about how important tackling climate change is to their generation. They are right to be worried about what kind of planet they will inherit and right to demand far-reaching action. Governments cannot sit back, leaving major decisions to market forces. It hasn’t worked and it never will.” -Jeremy Corbyn, UK Labour Party Leader (Guardian)

[https://www.wunderground.com/cat6/Thousands-Youth-Worldwide-Take-Part-Climate-Strike?cm\\_ven=cat6-widget](https://www.wunderground.com/cat6/Thousands-Youth-Worldwide-Take-Part-Climate-Strike?cm_ven=cat6-widget)

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 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 Burback 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).
- Salud Carbajal - Congressman-24<sup>th</sup> district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site

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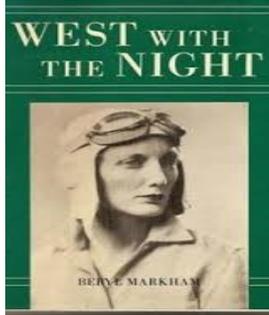
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## Afternoon Book Group



**Monday, April 1st, 2PM in the cottage at  
Live Oak, we will discuss** Beryl Markham's  
memoir *West with the Night*.

“Beryl Markham has written so well, and  
marvelously well, that I was completely  
ashamed of myself as a writer.”  
-Ernest Hemingway

## Free Summer House-Sitters!

A Live Oak family has relatives coming to town this summer and is looking for housing for a family of four adults. Will you be going out of town and could use someone to be in your home? Or, would you like to plan a trip away knowing that there would be responsible house-sitters to take care of your home? The dates are July 18-21. If this interests you, or if you'd like more details, please contact Clacey in the Live Oak office, and she can connect you with us.

-Thank you!

## FUUN First Friday Movie Night!

**April 5th at  
7:00 P.M.**



[https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/green\\_book](https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/green_book)

## Supporting Our Members

**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 !

Lars Poulsen 3/22, Mary Ince 3/25, Ken Johnson 3/27,  
Sibyl Cabeen 3/28, Paris Psaros 3/29, Kristin Ingalls 3/29, Wendy Morgan 3/30

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