

# The Acorn

March 25, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

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## 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.

### Sunday March 25

#### Admin on Site

10:00 A.M. Worship

### Monday March 26

#### Live Oak Office Closed

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

### Tuesday March 27

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

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

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

### Wednesday March 28

4:00 P.M. Social Justice (C)

6:00 P.M. Adama (S)

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

### Thursday March 29

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

### Friday March 30

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

### Saturday March 31

7:00 P.M. Honeysuckle  
Possums Concert (S)

### Sunday April 1

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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## Upcoming Sermons

### **April 1: Wake Up, Rise Up!** Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

On this Easter Sunday, let's come together to celebrate the power of transformation and change in our lives. There will be Easter crafts and an egg hunt for the children after our worship service today.

### **April 8: Fear and Safety: Growing up Jewish and the Unitarian Universalist Principles**

Ken Solter

What is it like growing up as a secular Jew? At the end of this Passover season, Live Oak member Ken Solter will share personal reflections on this topic, and explain why the UU principles help him feel safe.

## Children's Religious Exploration

This is week 6 of OWL for our pre-teens. This week we cover a very big topic... "Feelings and Attractions". It is a truly defining topic for most of us in the adult world, and I have to say, these pre-teens are handling it so maturely and with a lot of discussion and engagement. Btw, Gloria returns this week to co-facilitate. Teens will meet this week with Melanie and Mary, and Grace will be here for our community preschoolers.



### **RE OUTDOOR SPACE UPDATE**

Just wanting to keep the congregation updated on the forward movement of our RE outdoor space. We have received 3 bids for work on the Water Tower, and a fourth one by the end of this week. Additionally, we scheduled an "RE Outdoor Space Clean Up Day" for **Thursday April 12 from 10 AM-3:00 PM**. If you have time and inclination, we would love to see you there. If you have work gloves, bring them. Thank you to the RE Council for their work in moving this project forward. Stay tuned to the Acorn and Town Hall meeting for updates on this project.

We would also like to share the Mission Statement for moving forward with our space.

**"To create an aesthetically pleasing outdoor space for our congregation, toddlers to elders, that will be a place of discovery, learning, play and inspiration - all of which are essential for spiritual and social development."**

### **GAME NIGHT HOSTS NEEDED FOR APRIL**

Religious Exploration is looking for hosts for the next Intergenerational Game Night on April 13, and possibly May 11. The time is 6:30 on Second Fridays, and it's just a lot of fun for everyone. Hope you can make it and if you would consider hosting, I will give you extra Gummy Bears. New games compliments of Lisl !! Thank you Lisl!!

"Earth teach me to forget myself as melted snow forgets its life. Earth teach me resignation as the leaves which die in the fall. Earth teach me courage as the tree which stands all alone. Earth teach me regeneration as the seed which rises in the spring. "

-William Alexander

## Joys and Sorrows

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

- \* Kate McGuinness shared that this week she is celebrating a big birthday and her son is flying down from Seattle for the event.
- \* Mary Johnson shared that her mother passed on March 6, and that while her mother died peacefully, it has been way more difficult than she realized it would be.
- \* Janet Mocker shared that her husband Paul said "Live Oak helps you get through it; it's like there's a river and you're trying to get across and Live Oak is the stone in the river that's a safe place for you to land."
- \* Ron Kronenburg shared that Wilma had her surgery and can't get around as she has been instructed not to put any pressure on the foot. He said that she welcomes calls and visits.
- \* Melanie Jacobson shared that San Marcos High School has been her professional home for 25 years and up until this last week she hadn't seen the students organize for anything like she did as they participated in the nationwide student-led protest against gun violence. She shared that her daughter, Lura, also participated at Dos Pueblos, and her son, Aiden, and five classmates also participated at Kellogg School.

## 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

## 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](mailto: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.

## Social Justice News



**Saturday, March 24: March for our Lives Santa Barbara** - 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](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.

### Community Activities

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

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

**Immigration Law.** Interested in why California does not have to assist the federal immigration officials in the administration's recent deportation activities?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/09/opinion/trump-california-sanctuary-movement.html?action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=opinion-c-col-right-region&region=opinion-c-col-right-region&WT.nav=opinion-c-col-right-region>

**April 10: 7 p.m. Film and discussion: "The Land Speaks Arabic,"** Hosted by SB Anti War Collective and Jewish Voice for Peace-SB, at St. Michael's University Church, 6586 Picasso, IV

**April 12: SB Progressive Coalition** 6-7:30 at Santa Barbara Red Cross, 2707 State Street

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

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

## Social Justice News Cont.

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

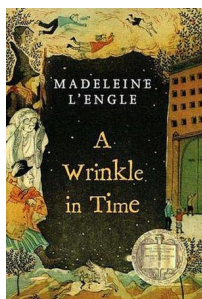
Tell the Department of the Interior: No drilling or seismic exploration in the Arctic Refuge

<https://act.credoaction.com/sign/Arctic-seismic-exploration?t=2&akid=27738%2E2255642%2ETLIH6b>

### Our Members of Congress

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## 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](mailto:jnorthsinger@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:honeysucklepossums@gmail.com)

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