

The Acorn

March 30, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

Sunday April 1

10:00 A.M. Worship

Monday April 2

2:00 P.M. Book Group (C)

Tuesday April 3

4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care (C)

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group
Facilitators Mtg.

Wednesday April 4

6:00 P.M. Adama (S)

6:30 P.M. Covenant Group

Thursday April 5

2:00 P.M. Membership (C)

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday April 6

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

Saturday April 7

No Scheduled Events

Sunday April 8

10:00 A.M. Worship

11:30 A.M. Souper Sunday!

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

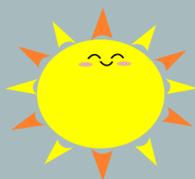
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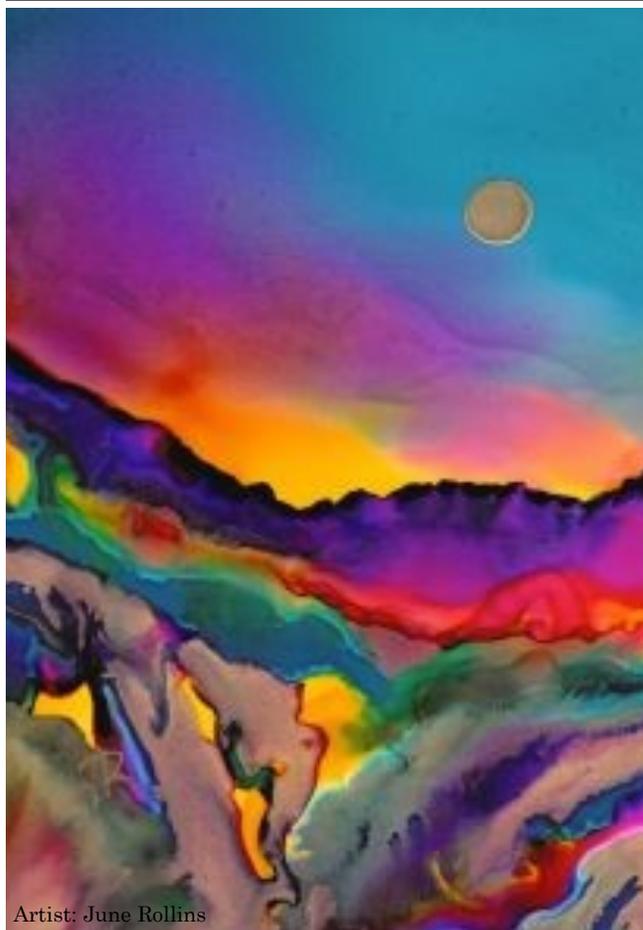
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Live Oak Event Book!



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Artist: June Rollins

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 for the children during the service and an egg hunt after the worship service.

Upcoming Sermons

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

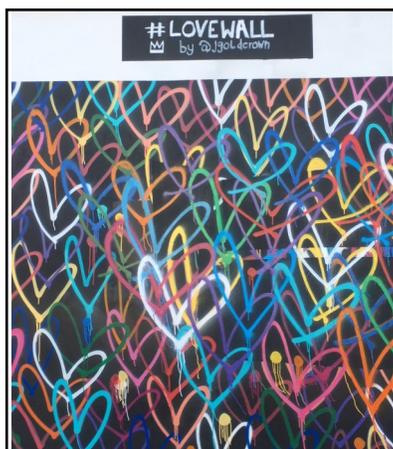
Ken Solter

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.

April 15: Of Ferris Wheels and Hope Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Today we learn a bit more about our Unitarian Universalist history, our ongoing commitment to interfaith dialogue and one of my personal favorites among our UU foremothers and forefathers! Intrigued? Come join us this Sunday!

Children's Religious Exploration



Steven took this photo recently and it made him think of Live Oak.

This Sunday in RE: Happy Spring, Happy Easter, bunnies and chickies!! This Sunday we will have an Easter Egg Hunt after services. Our teens will help facilitate the hunt and thank you in advance for that! The youngsters will make fun Easter themed bags to hunt for the goodies, all ages can participate that want to.

For our hunt this year, 100 plastic eggs will be hidden, each egg has fun stuff inside. Kids can empty the eggs they find into their bags at the end, then trade the plastic eggs back to RE in exchange for more goodies and stuff. Have fun you all!!

RE OUTDOOR SPACE UPDATE: Just wanting to keep the congregation updated on the forward movement of our RE outdoor space. We have received 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 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 May 11. The time is 6:30 on Second Fridays,

Children's Religious Exploration Continued

and it's just a lot of fun for everyone. Let Steven know if this is something you are interested and/or willing to do.

Perhaps the earth can teach us
As when everything seems dead
And later proves to be alive
-Pablo Neruda

Joys and Sorrows

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

- * Rev. Tamara: On Monday, 3/26, Kevin Rose was in a motorcycle mishap and broke his arm. Thoughts, prayers, and cards of encouragement welcome. Please contact Mary Dochterman if you can help out with meal support for Kevin and his family.
- * Kimberly Olsen: Joyful for John Douglas, joyful for the great turnout at yesterday's March for Life, and joyful that her son celebrates two years sobriety this week.
- * Carter Morgan: Joyful that his brother Jim, in Connecticut, has obtained a great writing job after being out of work for a year.
- * Wendy Morgan: Candle for Sherri Scott who had back surgery on Thursday. She does not need meals but would appreciate healing thoughts.
- * Debbie Mackie: Candle of sadness for her friend Roberta, whose 27 year old son died of a drug overdose 1 ½ weeks ago. She express how sad it must be to plan a memorial service for one's child.
- * Kristin Otte: Feels very hopeful after yesterday's March for Life.
- * Krystal McCauley: Candle for her son who had a MRI to check for the cause of dizzy spells. The MRI was normal. Also her son has had kidney issues, but tests were normal. She is also under considerable stress because of moving.

Souper Sunday Continues!

A BIG thanks to the multi-talented Live Oak Choir who did a terrific job hosting Souper Sunday in March. We appreciate our singers and chefs! **Our next luncheon is set for Sunday, April 8**, and will be hosted by Live Oak's generous Sangha. Mark your calendar now.

These luncheons continue to be a wonderful way to build community while also supporting Live Oak's fundraising budget. Please continue to support this program, and the hosting groups, by joining us each month. And remember, visitors eat for free as our guests - **perhaps you want to invite a friend to attend Sunday service and then enjoy lunch with you on April 8.**



Adult Programs

**Adult Programs presents: Protect Your Mind and Strengthen Your Memory
Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join in this program and discussion as Rev. Tamara shares insights and learnings from a prominent Dr. on this topic. This will be a brief presentation, a time for sharing our stories, and a time to talk about our level of interest on this topic for potential future programs.

Interested in Joining Live Oak?

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.

Earth-Centered Traditions



Are you interested in celebrating the rhythms of nature and exploring Earth-centered spiritual traditions at Live Oak? Please join us after the service on April 15th as we gather to share inspirations and aspirations. Whether you've been to the Earth-based Spirituality group's previous events, are totally new, or find yourself somewhere in between, we need your input toward the group's future. Everyone welcome! Merry meet and blessed be!

For more information please contact Christina Cabeen cbcabeen@cabeen.org or Jeanne Northsinger 805-898-1085.

A Message From Rev. Tamara

Last Sunday, March 25 at a congregational meeting, Live Oak voted to ordain our former Ministerial Student Intern, Lora Barnett. I also shared the news that Lora passed her interview with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee held in Boston on March 23 and that she is now in preliminary fellowship with our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Congratulations to Lora!

Please remember that the year of no contact between congregants and our former

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intern is still to be observed per our UU guidelines. We are bending the rule just a bit to ordain Lora on June 2, along with the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara.

At this point, we need to gather names of people who would like to help her ordination (to be held at USSB.) If you are willing and able to be a part of this festive celebration, **please contact Rev. Tamara as soon as possible.** We will **need a few people willing to work with a few people from USSB on planning and coordination**, as well as people to bring food for the potluck reception. Thank you!

Stewardship News

The Stewardship Team thanks and appreciates our wonderful congregation for making this pledge campaign a great success. With 89 pledges having been received to date, we are looking forward to receiving the few outstanding pledges shortly. Your loving commitment and generous pledges for the 2018-2019 budget will allow our congregation to continue the many important and fun-filled programs that give our community heart.

Our appreciation knows no bounds for all the stewards, hosts and participants at the many luncheon and dinner gatherings, which allowed for getting to know one another on a more personal level. Our Stewardship Team also enjoyed the process with laughter, camaraderie and the sharing of ideas. We were a great team! The celebratory snacks were well received and a big thank you to Laurette Valentine for her help in cleaning up afterwards.

Gratefully,

Your Stewardship Team: Carter Morgan, Wendy Morgan, Roberta Weissglass, Jim Wells, Jim Pearson, and Ron Kronenberg

Social Justice News



Thank you to our Warming Center Team (Gail Boehme, Christine Cabeen, Mary Dochterman, Bea Hamlin, Jane Gray, Diane and Gil Green, Marty Jenkins, Betty Kelly, Wendy and Carter Morgan, Jeanne Northsinger, Jan and Jim Ross, and Sylvia Sullivan) for feeding our neighbors without homes this winter on Thursdays. Consider joining this great team next year when Warming Center season rolls around!

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®ion=opinion-c-col-right-region&WT.nav=opinion-c-col-right-region>

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

Diane Cline 4/4

Terra Trevor 4/11

Kristine Kelly 4/13

Reverend Tamara 4/19

Wilma Seelye 4/26

Social Justice News Cont.

Also some cities/counties in California are trying to opt out of the Sanctuary Law (SB54) that California passed to protect immigrants from being picked by immigration officials when arrested or questioned by local officials.

Community Activities

- **April 9: Pflag meeting**, 7-8:30 pm at First Methodist Church, support and education
- **April 10: 7pm 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 10: SURJ monthly meeting**, SBCC Bus/Comm Building, Rm BC102
- **April 12: SB Progressive Coalition:** 6-7:30 pm at SB Red Cross (2707 State St)

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

Jim Scott at Live Oak!



Friday May, 4 at 7:00 P.M.
Cost is \$20.00 at the door.

Jim Scott in concert, featuring many of his new songs from his album Heart In Another Land with latin/Caribbean rhythms and the inevitable Jim messages of earth and peace.

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