

# The Acorn

April 16, 2017

This Week's Meetings  
and Events

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## Important Dates to Remember

**April 26:**  
7:00 P.M.  
Council of Chairs

**April 26:**  
2017-2018 Budget  
Requests Due

**May 19:**  
Annual Reports  
Due

**May 28:**  
11:30 A.M.  
Budget Hearing

**June 11:**  
at 11:30 A.M.  
Annual Meeting



## Earth Rise

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki &  
Steven Lovelace, DRE**

Join us in this multigenerational celebration of our earth and of spring! Today we also will participate in our annual Flower Communion which is a cherished and unique Unitarian Universalist tradition.

**Please bring a flower with you to share.**

*(We ask that you bring unscented or only lightly scented flowers today. Please do not bring lilies or freesias as we have members who are highly allergic to these.)*

**An Easter egg hunt for the children follows the service today!**

**Sunday April 16**  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Egg Hunt!

**Monday April 17**  
**Live Oak Office Closed**  
No Scheduled Events

**Tuesday April 18**  
4:00 P.M. Facility Mtg. (C)  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

**Wednesday April 19**  
12:30 P.M. Staff Mtg.  
5:00 P.M. Social Justice (C)  
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection

**Thursday April 20**  
2:30 P.M. Committee on  
Ministry (C)  
7:15 P.M. Choir (S)

**Friday April 21**  
10:30 A.M. Hookers &  
Needlers (C)

**Saturday April 22**  
No Scheduled Events

**Sunday April 23**  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know  
UU (C)

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



## Sharing our Joys and Sorrows



### As a community we share in the following Joys and Sorrows

- \* Jan Ross shared gratitude for the help they received recently and continue to receive from members of the congregation. Their daughter Megan is facing surgery on April 13 and has just moved into a new house.
- \* Craig Garvin shared that his friend Jim Levasseur succumbed last week to cancer. Jim was happy to have found Live Oak and to have been a member of the choir.
- \* Gloria Liggett shared that Ayumi (who is recovering from an illness) and his family are in India struggling with bureaucracy as they attempt to return to Japan.
- \* Kristin Otte shared that her daughter Chloe and partner, who is ill, have moved to Colorado. Kristin is hoping for clarity as to what her response should be.
- \* Nancy Chapman Douglas thanked the congregation for their help with the recent wedding of she and John. She is so happy to now be Mrs. John Douglas.

## Upcoming Sermons

### April 23: *Pilgrimage*

**Michael Eselun**

Popular guest speaker and UCLA Oncology Chaplain, Michael Eselun will explore the idea of pilgrimage—our pursuit of inspiration and enlightenment. Internal journeys and external ones—and some in between.

### April 30: *The Cowardly Lion Speaks*

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

It is said that courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. Today we explore the human experience of courage as we gain inspiration for the journey ahead.

## Children's Exploration



Happy Spring and Happy Easter. Excited to see you all in our intergenerational service! We will read you a letter from Mother Earth, enjoy flowers, sing a lot, and have an Easter Egg hunt at the end. Oh yeah, there will be some candy... Thank you Mother for all the rain that is making this Spring so beautiful!! The Earth is ALIVE!!!

## Michael Foster Update

Many of you will remember that at our Live Oak Sunday service on February 12, we welcomed the Valve Turner Michael Foster and heard his compelling story. Michael is one of five activists who shut down all five tar sands pipelines into the US in an action called #ShutItDown. Theirs was an unprecedented act of climate direct action, and the biggest coordinated move on U.S. energy infrastructure ever undertaken by environmental protesters.

Now we have received good news! On March 30, Valve Turner Michael Foster had a pre-trial hearing in North Dakota, where elements of the trial were laid out. Some of the felony charges were deleted by the judge for Michael and his documentarian. There are still multiple charges pending but all in all, good news!

## Getting to Know UU



GTKUU has been rescheduled this week and will be held instead on April 23 at 11:30 A.M. in the Cottage.

## Membership News

Wondering about being a member of Live Oak?

The Membership Ministry will be hosting a newcomer orientation, “Path to Membership”, on Saturday, May 6th, 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 Wendy Morgan at 683.5303 or [wendy.morgan@cox.net](mailto:wendy.morgan@cox.net). Child care will be provided if you let us know!

Your Membership Ministry

Wendy Morgan, Carter Morgan, Barbara Hodgdon, Priscilla Marchus, Liz Zok, Mary Ince, Debbie Mackie, and David Echols

## Social Justice News

The Social Justice Ministry (SJM) would like to invite the congregation of Live Oak to dive deeper into the topic of Sanctuary and Immigration Reform this Spring with a series of events and opportunities for discussion. Our goal is to consider and draft a resolution from the congregation that will give us the ability to respond to immigration crises locally and nationally. Here are the ways you can get involved- please join us for all or any of the events that are interesting for you!

- \* **Wednesday April 19th 5:00pm.** Join the SJM at its regular meeting to write the first draft of a congregational resolution in support of immigration and the new sanctuary movement.
- \* **Sunday April 30th: Town Hall.** The SJM will present a first draft of the proposed congregational resolution on immigration. Your feedback, questions and concerns are critical to the drafting of this resolution- so please join us- we want to hear from you.
- \* **Wednesday May 17th at 5 pm:** Join the SJM once again at its regularly scheduled meeting to review the draft resolution and incorporate feedback from the Town Hall. Our goal is to have a final draft for review published in the Acorn by June 1st.



**This Saturday, April 15  
at 7:30 P.M.**

**Honeysuckle Possums  
Concert at Live Oak**

to benefit ACLU, sponsored by the Live Oak Social Justice Ministry. 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!

## Social Justice News

- \* **Sunday June 11th:** Annual meeting for our congregation! The SJM will bring the final resolution for consideration and a vote. We look forward to bringing you the excellent news that we are clear and committed to a shared vision on immigration as a UU community.

Questions? Have ideas or feedback on this process or want more information? Contact Lora Barnett, ministerial student intern at [lora.barnett@gmail.com](mailto:lora.barnett@gmail.com).

### **Overcoming Oppression and Building a Justice Oriented World**

The SJM is pleased to host and promote many events in our community that support justice and freedom for every body. As a community and a ministry this spring we will be taking time to explore issues of race as it relates to implicit and explicit bias. In February we had the privilege of hosting a workshop through Heart to Heart and we heard from many of you that this is exactly the type of facilitated discussion you would enjoy having on an ongoing basis.

- \* **Wednesday May 10th:** The SJM will host a second facilitated discussion, 7-9pm in Fellowship Hall. While the format is the same, the discussion questions will be new so please join us for one or both of these discussions.

Please RSVP for these events and let us know if you will need childcare. (Childcare requests need to be received one week prior please!) Questions? Have ideas or feedback on this process or want more information? Contact Lora Barnett, ministerial student intern at [lora.barnett@gmail.com](mailto:lora.barnett@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming Social Justice Community Events**

- \* **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:** SBCC La Playa Stadium • 100 Loma Alta Dr., Santa Barbara. 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>

## Social Justice News Continued

- \* **May 17 at 7:30 P.M. WOMEN & THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE** with **evening free lecture- Environment: Connection, Collaboration, Creation-- featuring Naomi Klein:** at the Granada Theatre.

### For Your Information: 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 <https://carbajal.house.gov/>.

## Continuing Auction Opportunity

You still have an opportunity to join us at Live Oak for the **Nature Walks** continuing every Tuesday morning from 9:30-12:00 for the next four weeks. The first two have been beautiful and very productive with sightings of pretty birds, lovely flowers and plants, good weather and fine company. We discuss the history of the preservation of each area with local heroes past and present as well as identify animals and plants. Next Tuesday April 18 we will be at Ellwood bluffs starting at the end of Coronado Drive (please see schedule). If you want to join us for just one walk, they are offered at an "a la carte" price of \$5 per walk, check made out to LOUUC. For more information, please call Susan Braden (805) 252-9040 or email me at [laflor2000@gmail.com](mailto:laflor2000@gmail.com) and I will send you all the details. Hope to see you there!



- \* **April 18- Ellwood Bluffs and beach**
- \* **April 25- Coal Oil Point and Devereaux Slough**
- \* **May 2 – Arroyo Hondo Preserve**
- \* **May 9 — Carpinteria Bluffs and Seal Sanctuary**

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**Supporting Our Members**

**Marie Arnold** has a painting at the Distinctive Art Gallery situated at 1331 State St. Santa Barbara. The painting was juried in as part of a Goleta Art Association spring show. The show continues until April 29.

**You are invited** to an Open House and House Blessing at the home of Michael Wittman and Marie Arnold on Saturday April 29, 2017. The open house will be from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.



Rev. Tamara Suzuki will do a blessing of the home at 2:30. All are invited, however be sure to RSVP so we know how much food to prepare.

Marie Arnold 570-5970 or [mariegonetarnold15@gmail.com](mailto:mariegonetarnold15@gmail.com).  
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**Thank You from Roberta**

Many thanks to all of my April 9 Souper Sunday helpers, including those of you who were in the wings ready to help if needed. I can't thank you all enough: Betty Kelley, Sue Smiley, Jessica Lewis, Will Donnelly, Peggy Ornelas, Laurette Valentine, Jacob Rosenberg, Lura Pearson, Peter Kuhn, Michael Wittman and Carter Morgan.

I especially thank my friend and new member, Lisbeth Caccese, who didn't realize what she was getting into when she volunteered to prepare her delicious minestrone soup. She did a terrific job.



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



Sandy Gullet 4/4, Terra Trevor 4/11,  
Kristine Kelly 4/13  
Reverend Tamara 4/19, Wilma Seelye 4/26,  
Malcolm Donnelly 4/26