

# The Acorn

April 2, 2017

## This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?

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### Save the Date

**Sunday, April 9**

**12:00-1:30**

the Social Justice Ministry and Lora Barnett: Conversations on Race in the Sanctuary.

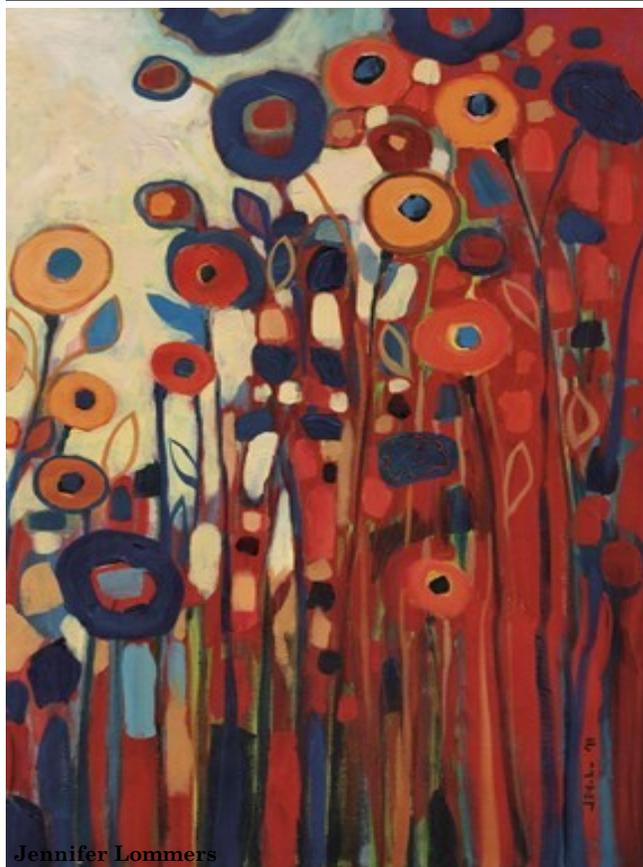
**Sunday, April**

**3:00-5:00**

**What is**

**Feminism?**

UCSB Feminist Studies Professor Edwina Barvosa comes to Live Oak to discuss the meaning of feminism.



### *Cultivating a Hospitable Heart*

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

The spiritual practice of hospitality is rooted in a sense of radical openness: to ourselves, to others, and to life itself. Today we explore this ancient practice by focusing on what it means for us personally and what it might mean for our congregation.

### **Sunday April 2**

10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Town Hall (S)  
11:30 A.M. OWL Celebration Luncheon (FH)

### **Monday April 3**

12:00 P.M. Membership Retreat (offsite)

### **Tuesday April 4**

3:15 P.M. Coordinating Team Meeting  
5:00 P.M. Pastoral Care  
7:00 P.M. Tue Eve Covenant Group (C)  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

### **Wednesday April 5**

12:30 P.M. Staff Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group  
7:00 P.M. Good Relations Ministry (offsite)

### **Thursday April 6**

7:15 P.M. Choir (S)

### **Friday April 7**

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

### **Saturday April 8**

No Scheduled Events

### **Sunday April 9**

#### **Souper Sunday**

10:00 A.M. Worship  
12:00 P.M. Social Justice: Conversations on Race  
3:00pm Social Justice: What is Feminism? (S)

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

## Sharing our Joys and Sorrows



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

- \* Gloria Liggett: Asked for healing thoughts and prayers for Ayumi Nakamura (currently away from Live Oak for a year with his family.) Ayumi has been diagnosed with Guillaume Barre syndrome. The family is currently in India where his condition was diagnosed and stabilized. They are seeking to move Ayumi to Japan to be near extended family for continued care.
- \* Alexandra Williams: Spoke of her ex-husband David Rouzer who suffered several small strokes a couple years ago. She suggested congregants may wish to invite him out to lunch. Encouraged making sure he writes the engagement in his calendar.
- \* Liz Zok: Joyful for our congregation especially John and Nansie's wedding on Saturday; very happy we're blessed with Rev Tamara.
- \* Susan Braden: Asked for prayers for her son, now two years sober. He will be sharing his story with another person struggling with addiction. She is so proud he is able to do so.

## Upcoming Sermons

### April 9: *A Gilded Birdcage*

**Lora Barnett**

What does it mean to be privileged? What about implicit bias? We hear these terms frequently these days and for many of us who have been long committed to justice work it can seem a bit disheartening to learn that despite our best efforts we are still caught up in an unfair system. This system has been referred to as a gilded birdcage. But gilded or not, a cage is still a cage. Join ministerial student intern Lora Barnett as she explores where the keys to freedom lie and how we might unlock those doors so all may be free.

### April 16: *Earth Rise*

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki and 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!**

### April 23: Michael Eselun

### 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



Religious Exploration celebrates our beautiful Spring by planting our feet firmly on The Mother and proclaiming that "We Love The Earth"!!

This week we will look at the idea that this Earth, like us, like trees, like plants, is in fact ALIVE. We might just dance a little bit too, and learn a fun hip hop song about taking care of the planet. At the end, we will write a letter to the Earth thanking it for all it gives us. Blessed Be!

## Souper Sunday Continues!

Thanks to our talented Live Oak Choir for hosting Souper Sunday in March. Not only can they sing, but they can cook as well! **Our next Souper Sunday will be on Sunday, April 9**, and is being hosted by Roberta Weissglass, Laurette Valentine and new Live Oak member Lisbeth Caccese along with a small team of other helpers. How wonderful it is for these two generous women to prepare our next luncheon. I'm sure that they would appreciate more offers of assistance if you are willing to pitch in. Mark your calendars for another tasty and nutritious meal that day after the service.

These luncheons continue to be a wonderful way to build community while also raising a few dollars for Live Oak. We now have groups scheduled to host in April, May, and June. If YOU would like to cook for a Souper Sunday next year, please contact Carter Morgan at 683-5303 or by email: [morganfamily1@cox.net](mailto:morganfamily1@cox.net) You will be provided with clear instructions to make this a simple event. Thanks for considering this request, and thanks to all of the individuals and groups that have stepped up this year!



**April 15 at 7:00 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

### Sanctuary and Immigration Reform

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!

\* **Tuesday April 11th, 7-9pm** Fellowship Hall

Immigration laws, sanctuary policies and reform efforts are complex! The SJM is pleased to welcome local immigration lawyer and fellow UU, Geoff Connor Newlan and his colleagues to our congregation on Tuesday April 11th from 7-9pm to assist us in learning more about this topic. As the public discourse on immigration continues to heat up in light of ongoing executive orders that shift existing policies, it is critical as UU's that we educate ourselves about what the issues are so we can be prepared to respond with our characteristic love and justice effectively, safely and with conviction that we are truly standing on the side of love. Meet and discuss with your fellow UU's and community members the in's and outs of immigration reform and its history in this country built by immigrants.

\* **Wednesday April 19th 5:00pm**. Join the SJM at its regularly 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.

\* **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

## Social Justice News Continued

that this is exactly the type of facilitated discussions you would enjoy having on an ongoing basis. We are pleased to be able to offer you two such opportunities this spring and invite you to join us for one or both events.

- \* **Sunday April 9th:** Join ministerial student intern Lora Barnett for a time of worship and reflection on the topic of what it means to live in a world that privileges some at the expense of others. Then, following Souper Sunday in Fellowship Hall from 12-1:30 the SJM committee will facilitate small group discussions for those hungry to dig in a bit deeper into this topic.
- \* **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!)

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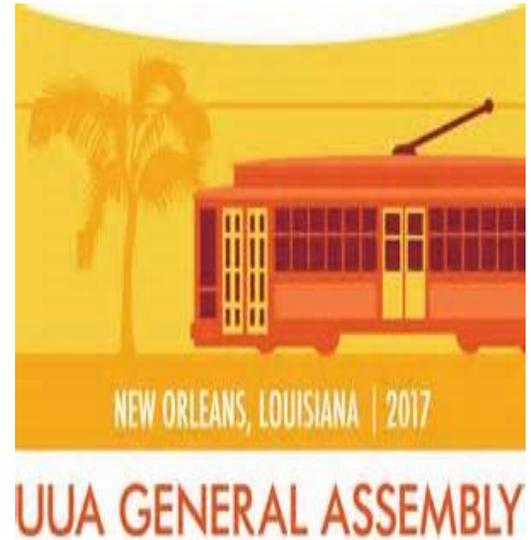
### Upcoming Social Justice Community Events

- \* **April 8, 1:30-3:30 P.M. SB Progressive Coalition: RESIST Trump & PERSIST in promoting progressive policies.** Casa de la Raza, 601 E. Montecito St., Santa Barbara (enter from Montecito St. to enter the larger common room)
- \* **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>
- \* **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.

## General Assembly

The UUA's General Assembly (GA) is going to be in New Orleans this June. It should be a fun one. Plus this is the year we vote on a new President for our Association. If you are interested in going please speak to Paul Mocker about being a delegate from our congregation. It means you get to vote on issues (and the UUA President) and the business meetings are really rather interesting. For more info go to [UUA.org/ga](http://UUA.org/ga). Search "uua presidential candidates" to find links about the 3 women who are running. Registration rates go up after May 1st. If you are interested in knowing what a G.A. is like I'd be glad to share my multitudinous experiences with you.

-Jeri Moulder



## The Changing Roles of Women

**A UU Women's Retreat Invitation:** The UU women of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura (UUCV) are extending a warm invitation to the women of the Goleta Live Oak Congregation to join with us for our 32nd Annual Women's Retreat to be held the weekend of April 28-30 at the Mount Calvary Retreat Center in Santa Barbara.

For more than 30 years the the Mount Calvary Episcopal brothers have welcomed women from the UUCV at both their original retreat house and their current home set between the Santa Barbara Mission and the Natural History Museum. They provide us with comfortable rooms, 3 good meals a day, lovely grounds and spaces for our gatherings, workshops and services.

The retreat includes 3 morning and 3 afternoon work-shops, an evening program, Sunday morning service and an ongoing craft activity.

For fuller details you may request a brochure either from Janette Daniel-Whitney [janettedw@charter.net](mailto:janettedw@charter.net) 805/652-1213 or from Dorothy Fasthorse [dfasthorse@aol.com](mailto:dfasthorse@aol.com) 805/218-9478.

It would be lovely to share the weekend with women from our nearby sister congregations. We hope you will join us.

**Live Oak Unitarian  
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**Supporting Our Members  
and Friends**

**IN RECITAL:** Leslie Cook and John Ballerino Perform  
Brahms Lieder. Saturday, April 8, 2017 3:00 P.M. - 4:00  
P.M. Faulkner Gallery of the Santa Barbara Public  
Library. 40 E. Anapamu, Santa Barbara.

**Thank You!**

My heartfelt thanks to my terrific team whose variety of  
skills and joyful presence made preparing for the  
celebratory luncheon fun and the event itself a tremen-  
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Gary Suzuki, Sylvia Sullivan, Wendy Carter, Liz Zok,  
Kristin Otte, Jan Ponce, Debbie Mackie and Betty Kelley.  
Gratefully, Roberta.



**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](mailto:elazok@gmail.com)



Sandy Gullet 4/4, Terra Trevor 4/11, Kristine Kelly 4/13

Reverend Tamara 4/19, Wilma Seelye 4/26,  
Malcolm Donnelly 4/26