

The Acorn

April 27, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

Miss a Sermon?

Check out past sermons by clicking on the link.

<http://liveoakgoleta.org/multimedia/>

Reminder

Our Live Oak service on Sunday, April 29 will begin at 10:30

Live Oak Event Book!



[Reserve your spots now!](#)



Regional Assembly Worship Service

*****10:30 A.M. – Noon*****

Live Oak will join as a community in the Sunday morning worship service from Regional Assembly in Portland via the live-stream of this service. Come together today to be part of our larger Unitarian Universalist movement as we sing and hear inspired messages. The minister preaching the sermon is the Rev. Vanessa Southern.

*****Note that service begins at 10:30.*****

Sunday April 29

Admin on Site

10:30 A.M. Worship

Monday April 30

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday May 1

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday May 2

6:00 P.M. Adama Dance

6:30 P.M. Covenant Group (C)

Thursday May 3

2:00 P.M. Membership

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday May 4

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

7:00 P.M. Jim Scott

Concert at Live Oak (S)

Saturday May 5

No Scheduled Events

Sunday May 6

10:00 A.M. Worship

11:30 A.M. Sermon

Conversation (S)

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

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

Children's Religious Exploration

This Sunday, we will start our class this week only at 10:30 and go until noon. The congregation will be sharing the Regional Assembly by video and that starts at 10:30 so we are starting service later and go a little later. . All RE classes will start at 10:30 and kids will not be in the Sanctuary at all. APRIL 29 ONLY. May 6 will be our regular schedule

This week's OWL topic is CONSENT AND PEER PRESSURE, and it is a hefty topic indeed, and probably the one that influences our children most. The HomeLink was sent after our last class and sent a hard copy home as well, so please make sure they are reading their homework, it just makes the flow of class and getting all the material presented...well...easier and quicker. Also, those parent books should be here before Sunday, but even if they are not, they are ordered and should be here soon. If you have not paid for your book yet and you ordered one, they are \$15 made out to Live Oak.

Teens will meet and hoping that we can work out a couple of ways to bring your presence to RE Sunday on June 3rd. I have an idea about that, and please discuss when you all meet. Your class will also start at 10:30 unless you are wanting to view the Regional Assembly video.

Couple of dates to mark on the calendar: Sunday May 20...Honoring the OWL students (will be done during the "Message" and have regular RE class) and lunch afterwards. OWL families, please plan to be there so the congregation can properly honor your kids. It's a big deal. And our Clacey is planning the lunch, so please check in with her at administrator@liveoakgoleta.org. Regular RE classes will be held that day as well.

Additionally, would love to include ALL children at the RE Sunday service on June 3rd. The entire service is dedicated to this RE program so it is all about THEM and YOU who have been there for the program. PLEASE plan to be there!!

Last, if you have any photos from this school year 17/18 with your child here at Live Oak or with another LO kid or in RE, please send to me, i would love to include in the RE Sunday slide show.

THANK YOU SO MUCH: Love and gratitude to the participants that portrayed the life of Wangari Maathai in "Seeds of Change". We have received such love and praise from the congregation, and much to my surprise, it worked well without an additional rehearsal. The best thing of course, is keeping the story of Wangari alive and in our consciousness, which moves forward the great issues of environmental stewardship and empowerment of women. This was the life of Wangari and what a brave woman she was. She inspired our congregation and what a blessing that is!!

Special thank you to Lura Pearson for her beautiful, impassioned performance of "Rise Up" which was an ideal Earth Day song. Perfection!!

Additionally, I want to thank the RE Council and especially Michael Wittman for bringing our outdoor space closer to fruition, and to this congregation who sat and listened and gave feedback for the information and ideas. We really want to get this project up and running for our children and for the greater good of our congregation.

"This is the real secret of life -- to be completely engaged with what you are doing in the here and now. And instead of calling it work, realize it is play." -Alan W. Watts

Joys and Sorrows

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

- * Drew Carter: Shared that his grandmother, Dorothy Carter, passed away on Friday, April 20, at the age of 102. He asked we hold his Aunt Cynthia, who cared for his grandmother for many years, in our thoughts and prayers. Drew's Grammy Carter had four children, 16 grandchildren, and many great and great-great grandchildren.
- * Bev Troon: Shared that she wishes to celebrate her recovery from a stroke six months ago.



A Message From Rev. Tamara

Please note that for the next three Sundays (4/22, 4/29 and 5/6) there will be no spoken Joys and Sorrows in our Sunday services. Also, there will be Pastoral Ministry team coverage for pastoral needs from 4/23-5/6. Here are the ways you are welcome to communicate Joys and Sorrows and/ or pastoral needs:

- 1) Send Rev. Tamara an email at revtamarasuzuki@gmail.com
- 2) Write out a Joys and Sorrows card in the Sunday service and place it in the basket passed for Sharing in Stewardship
- 3) If you need pastoral attention please contact:
 - * Colleen Poulsen (April 23-29)
 - * Priscilla Marchus (April 30-May 6)

Love and blessings, Rev. Tamara

Pastoral Care News



Pastoral Care Associates work closely with Rev. Tamara and are available to provide compassionate listening and support to members and friends in need. The members of this ministry are Wilma Seelye (chair), Priscilla Marchus, Ken Solter, Craig Garvin, Colleen Poulsen, Roberta Weissglass and Jeanne Northsinger.

The Live Oak Caring Network connects Live Oak volunteers to members of our community who are in need of concrete assistance such as meals in case of illness or injury. Mary Dochterman coordinates this service. If you can help provide this kind of short-term support in times of need, or if you need this kind of help, please contact Rev. Tamara, Mary, or Live Oak's Administrator, Clacey, at 967-7867.

Social Justice News

April 29: “Write Here! Write Now!” letter writing advocacy campaign. Our last Sunday to write a letter to help economically-struggling coal communities to help create a more sustainable economy and restore their land and water resources. These funds are available to be released from the RECLAIM Act of last year. Your letter will be included with hundreds of others which will be hand delivered to the Senate Staff by UUs for Social Justice Advocacy Corps at the beginning of May. They will be discussing the issue with the Senate Staff when they deliver these letters.

Do you know an organization that could use a Half Basket donation from Live Oak? We are lining up recipients for the next few months and would love suggestions. Please let Jan Ross or any member of Social Justice know of worthy groups!

May 23 at 4:30: Live Oak Social Justice Ministry meeting. Come for a visit or join. Everyone is welcome!

Community Activities

May 30: 350.org SB Meeting at 7pm at Food and Water Watch Office, 222 E. Canon Perdido, Suite 207C

May 1: “The Limits of Whiteness-Iranian Americans and the Everyday Politics of Race” with Neda Maghbouleh, Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, UCSB Multicultural Center Lounge at 6 pm.

May 2: Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance, 11:30- 1pm at First Methodist Church

May 10: SB Progressive Coalition 6-7:30, at Santa Barbara Red Cross, 2707 State Street

May 14: “Spring Forward to Fossil Free,” put on by 350.org SB

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

Please call Rep Carbajal to say “No” to the Farm Bill (a reauthorization bill that includes cuts of close to \$20 billion from SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs), and includes strict work requirements for SNAP recipients which will be devastating to the elderly and the disabled who will need to “prove” they are unable to work in order to eat. It guts the Conservation Stewardship Program that help farmers implement important practices that protect our soil and water resources. And, in a giveaway to Big Agriculture, it loosens and in some cases lifts restrictions on dangerous pesticide use in farming.

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
senator@harris.senate.gov.
- * Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24th district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site

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

Barb Finch 5/1,
Wilson Hubbell 5/4
James Wells 5/4,
Barbara Kuhn 5/5,
Aidan Pearson 5/9,
Barbara Eggemeyer 5/16,
Larry Bishop 5/16,
Carrie Topliffe 5/20 ,
Jill Ross Beres 5/21,
Kendra Wise 5/22,
Marina Hall 5/25

Jim Scott Fundraiser for Live Oak!

JIM SCOTT
Composer, Guitarist, Singer

**Friday
May 4
7 PM**



**Gather
The
Spirit**

*Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church
820 North Fairview Ave. Goleta CA*

Suggested Donation: \$20

Afternoon Book Group

Monday, May 7th, 2PM in the cottage at Live Oak, we will discuss *I Am The Messenger* by Markus Zusak. Guests are welcome.

For Information please contact Jeanne Northsinger
805-898-1085 jnorthsinger@gmail.com.

Supporting Our Members



Marie Arnold is one of the 20 artists participating in the Goleta Valley Artist Tour Saturday May 19. She will be exhibiting at her home with Warner Nienow, Judy Nienow and Christine Brailler, from 11 to 5 pm.

Marie will have many very affordable small paintings for sale.

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