

The Acorn

April 30, 2017

This Week's Meetings and Events

Sunday April 30

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Town Hall

Monday May 1

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday May 2

5:00 P.M. Pastoral Care (C)
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday May 3

12:30 P.M. Staff Meeting
7:15 P.M. Good Relations
(offsite)

Thursday May 4

2:00 P.M. Membership (C)
7:15 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday May 5

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

Saturday May 6

9:30 A.M. Path to
Membership
2:00 P.M. Rental (S)

Sunday May 7

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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Sermon?
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sermons by
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.org/multimedia/](http://liveoakgoleta.org/multimedia/)

Upcoming Events

May 6:
9:30 A.M.

Path to
Membership

May 19:
Annual Reports Due

7:00 P.M.
Membership Pre-
sents:
Tickling Giants

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

June 3:
9:00 A.M.
Live Oak Work Day

7:00 P.M.
Pastoral Care
presents:
In Extremis

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



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.

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows



As a community we share in the following Joys and Sorrows

- * Jan Ross: her daughter Megan had her breast cancer surgery, a mastectomy. Fortunately there was no cancer in her nodes but more testing will be done.
- * Helen Gordon: has given her daughter her car. She took a ride to Live Oak via the service offered where she lives and was sad to report it took one hour to get to Live Oak. The positive side to that is having many good friends who have offered to pick her up and take her instead of the ride service.
- * Bev Troon: requested that a candle of remembrance be lit for her daughter Sandra who died of brain cancer on April 12.
- * Steven Lovelace: reports that his best friend Mike's dad passed away. He asks we hold space for Mike to be able to grieve and resolve some of the problems that were happening around his parents decline.
- * Larry Bishop: attended the science march and Earth day events and said many UUs were present. Susan Braden was interviewed about science funding and on the evening news!
- * Liz Zok shared she modified our banner to say "Standing on the Side of Science" for the science march. Please come next Saturday for further science funding protest, noon, at Del Playa Stadium. Look for red balloons and the above banner to join the Live Oak group.

Upcoming Sermons

May 7: *Witnessing the Dance*

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Amit Ray has said: "Life is a dance. Mindfulness is witnessing that dance." Today we explore how living mindfully might bring greater peace and balance to our lives and to our world.

May 21: *Becoming Whole*

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki and Lora Barnett

What does it mean to become whole? Is there a difference between being healed and being cured? Join us as we blend song, silence, words, and touch in the service of becoming whole.

May 28: *Religious Exploration Sunday*

Steven Lovelace and Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Help us celebrate our wonderful Religious Exploration (RE) program with a very special service highlighting our children and youth, and the teacher volunteers that are the spirit of this ministry.

After service today, enjoy a Super Taco Bar (and chocolate fountain with fresh strawberries for dessert!) sponsored by our Pastoral Care Ministry team, and then head on in to our annual Budget Hearing.

Children's Exploration



Our short but beautiful trip to Fairview Gardens made Earth Day really special. One very interesting observation from the hike was the interdependent web that the farmers and stewards consider at every step of the food process from preparation of the soil to the crop rotation to preserve the viability of the earth. Oh and those HUGE piles of compost were most interesting. This week in RE, we will explore the birth, death, and re-birth process of COMPOSTING and make a little of our own! If you have a Mason Jar, bring it!! And save a little of your food waste and bring that too. Oh yes, and we will work on our song a little... because the Earth is indeed ALIVE. Happy Spring all of YOU!!

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. 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

Live Oak Town Hall Meeting Discussion Topics.

1. Bylaw changes.
2. Dogs at Live Oak Events
3. Stewardship Drive Results
4. Draft resolution regarding Sanctuary/ Immigration

The Board of Trustees invites you to attend.

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.

- * **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.

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 courageous conversation regarding race. 7-9pm in Fellowship Hall. While the format is the same, the discussion questions

Social Justice News Continued

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.

Upcoming Social Justice Community Events

- * **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.

For Your Information: Our Members of Congress

- * Dianne Feinstein- LA office 310-914-7300, Washington office 202-224-3841
senator@feinstein.senate.gov.
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- * Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24th 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 three weeks. They 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. 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](tel:8052529040) or email me at laflor2000@gmail.com and I will send you all the details. Hope to see you there!

- * **May 2 : Arroyo Hondo Preserve**
- * **May 9: Carpinteria Bluffs and Seal Sanctuary**

Meet Live Oak Member Subhana!



Subhana, also known as Sue Bonner, came to Santa Barbara last year but only found Live Oak in October.

A friend thought that the church and I would be a good fit, which I have learned that it is. I came to Santa Barbara because I have a beautiful grandson here, Aaro and my son, Scott. Scott is a Network Spinal Analysis chiropractor in Santa Barbara. My home was in New Hampshire for 45 years with some breaks to live in Concord, NH, on the seacoast of NH, and southern CA.

My professional life has taken me in many directions. For almost 40 years I was a Speech/Language Pathologist, working with little ones and elders. It was rewarding work. Needing a change I went to Massage School at age 55 and lasted only a few years as massage was too hard on the body. Having been involved with the hospice movement for many years, at age 58 I felt called to hospice chaplaincy work, which I did for 12 years, retiring at age 69. I was ordained in one of my incarnations as a Science of Mind Minister. Besides chaplaincy work, I had the privilege and great joy of working with and for Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, MD, a pioneer in the Hospice movement for many years.

My spiritual life has an inter-faith foundation, with gratitude to my mother, who exposed me to many faith traditions. My heart is deeply connected with Buddhism and it has been a blessing to be part of the Live Oak Sangha.

My family is very small, basically Aaro and Scott but I have many friends who have adopted me as one of them. My very special friend in NH, Sally, is more like a sister. Their family has embraced me for many years. One of my greatest accomplishments in life was driving across country to see Aaro and Scott and then back to NH. A dream of a life time.

I look forward to deepening friendships with some of you at Live Oak. Being a newcomer and older is more challenging, especially having moved from a place where I had a long history. So, if I do not know you, please come up and say hello. Maybe we can grab a cup of coffee and get to know one another more deeply.

Thank you to all of you who have made me feel so welcome at Live Oak!

Honeysuckle Possums Concert Update

On Saturday, April 15, the Live Oak Social Justice Ministry presented a Song Tree concert at Live Oak. The show featured The Honeysuckle Possums, and the profits were donated to the American Civil Liberties Union, amounting to a contribution to the ACLU of \$2,453.50.

Many, many thanks to the crew of happy and capable volunteers who made this event a success. Somewhere around 180 people came to Live Oak's sanctuary for an evening of music, laughter, and being a community nourishing art and social justice.

With hope and gratitude, Tom and Debra Lee



Tickling Giants - May 19 at 7:00 P.M.

In the midst of the Egyptian Arab Spring, Bassem Youssef makes a decision that's every mother's worst nightmare... He leaves his job as a heart surgeon to become a full-time comedian.

Dubbed, "The Egyptian Jon Stewart," Bassem creates the satirical show, Al Bernameg. The weekly program quickly becomes the most viewed television program in the Middle East, with 30 million viewers per episode. The Daily Show with Jon Stewart averaged two million viewers.

In a country where free speech is not settled law, Bassem's show becomes as controversial as it popular. He and his staff must endure physical threats, protests, and legal action, all because of jokes. As Bassem attempts to remain on the air, keep his staff safe, and not get arrested, he continues to hold those in power accountable. Despite increasing danger, the team at Al Bernameg employs comedy, not violence, to comment on hypocrisy in media, politics, and religion.

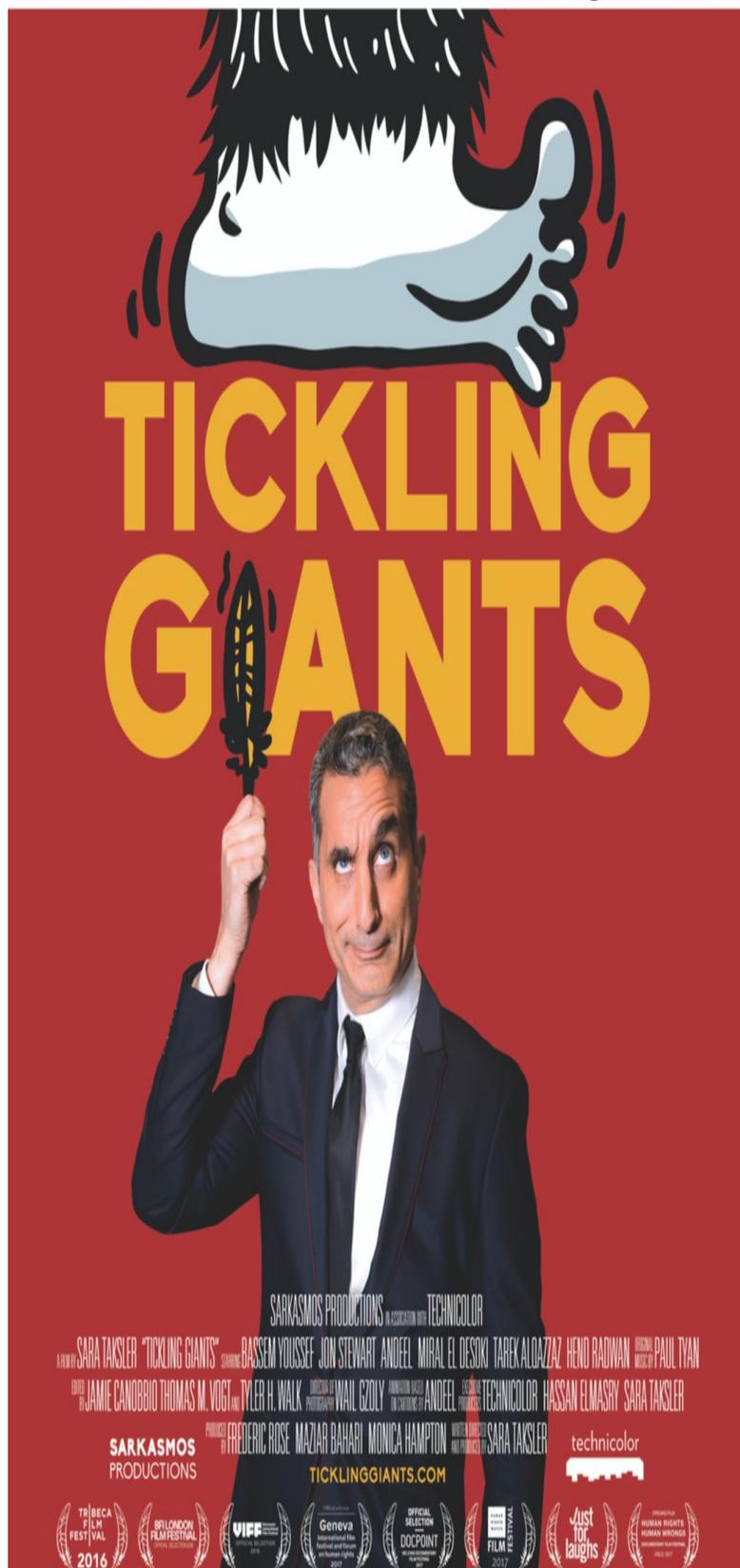
Tickling Giants follows the team of Al Bernameg as they discover democracy is not easily won. The young women and men working on Bassem's show are fearless revolutionaries, who just happen to be really, really funny.

No unicorns or falafel were harmed in the making of this film.

TRAILER: To watch or share the trailer, use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVwUrbGcxZ4&feature=youtu.be>

Join us for a screening



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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.
Address: 63 San Dimas Ave, Santa Barbara, CA 93111

Priscilla Marchus will be performing with the Treble Clef Women's Chorus for their Spring Concert "California Dreamin" on Sat., May 6, 4pm, at Unity Church at 227 E. Arrellaga St. You are invited!

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

If you have not shared your birthday month/date with us and wish to do so, please contact Liz at elazok@gmail.co.



Barb Finch 5/1, Wilson Hubbell 5/4, James Wells 5/4,
Barbara Kuhn 5/5, Jessica Lewis 5/7, Aidan Pearson 5/9
David Rouzer 5/9, Barbara Eggemeyer 5/16,
Larry Bishop 5/16, Carrie Topliffe 5/20