

The Acorn

April 6, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

Reminder

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

Live Oak Event Book!



[Reserve your spots now!](#)

Marty Morgan Memorial Service

Saturday, April 21
2018 at 2:00pm

Interested in becoming a Live Oak member?

Come to Live Oak's Path to Membership Class!

Saturday, April 14
at 9:30 A.M.

More information on Pg. 4



This Sunday

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.

Sunday April 8

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Souper Sunday

Monday April 9

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday April 10

6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday April 11

10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.
7:00 P.M. Adult Programs

Thursday April 12

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday April 13

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

Saturday April 14

9:30 A.M. Path to Membership (C)

Sunday April 15

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know UU (C)
11:30 A.M. Earth Centered Traditions (S)

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

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!

April 22: Seeds of Change Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki & Steven Lovelace
Join us for this very special **multigenerational** service in honor of Earth Day. We will come together to celebrate the earth as well as participate in our New Member Welcoming ceremony and a Child Dedication ceremony. There will be a Town Hall meeting following service today.

April 29: 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.*****

Children's Religious Exploration

This Sunday in RE: This week for our pre-teens is OWL week 7... Reproduction and Sexual Health. Yikes!! Truly a BIG topic, which will include "how babies are born" through STDs and AIDS. Their reading assignment in "It's Perfectly Normal" is pretty extensive and important moving into this lesson, so please make sure they have done their reading homework and review of last week's vocabulary.

Also a gentle reminder that we will be OWLing two consecutive weeks, this Sunday and Sunday the 15th are both OWL days.

Teens will meet this week with Krystal and Mary, and thanks to you teens for your service with the Easter Egg Hunt!!

And always, our lovely Grace is here to keep track of our younger members.

THANK YOU ARE IN ORDER: A profound 'THANK YOU' to my RE teachers Jane, Pat, Kevin, Cecilia and Marie PLUS our teens for all their help on making the Easter Egg Hunt happen last week. I was away meeting Greg's family in Indiana and I could not have done this without them!! Bless you all!!

GAME NIGHT APRIL 13 CANCELLED: The evening of Friday April 13 is a planned electrical outage by Southern California Edison. The outage is to upgrade equipment and is planned between 8:00 PM to 6 AM Saturday morning.

We are still looking for a host for our last game night before summer on that Second Friday in May on the 9th. Please email me or find me on Sunday if you can host our last game night of this school year. Thank you.

RE OUTDOOR SPACE CLEAN UP DATE: Please join us for an "RE Outdoor Space Clean Up Day" on **Thursday April 12 from 10 AM-3:00 PM.** We would love to see you there. If you

Children's Religious Exploration Continued

have work gloves, bring them.

The RE Council will be making a presentation and some recommendations on April 22, and there will be some discussion and direction needed from the congregation. 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."

"Don't plan it all. Let life surprise you a little." -Julia Alvarez

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 this 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 enjoy lunch with you on April 8.**

Adult Programs

**Adult Programs presents: Protect Your Mind and Strengthen Your Memory
This 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.

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.

Would You Like to Become 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.

Social Justice News

April: "Write Here! Write Now!" letter writing advocacy campaign coming soon. Watch for the table after the service and write a letter.

Community Activities

- **April 7: "Still Working to Make Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream a Reality"** 50th Anniversary of Dr. King's Death, 2-5 pm at Free Methodist Church 1435 Cliff Drive, Speakers • Music • Audience Participation, Sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of SB and the Free Methodist Church
- **April 9: Pflag Meeting**, 7-8:30 pm at First Methodist Church, "A Deeply Religious Family, A Coming Out Story, and Journey to Acceptance."
- **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 BC 102
- **April 12 Thursday: SB Progressive Coalition:** 6-7:30 pm at SB Red Cross (2707 State St)

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.

Gastronomical Gratitude

The emotional and nutritional support this Congregation provided for Ron Kronenberg and I was amazing! I want you know how special you are and how skilled you are at preparing a wide variety of meals! We were truly nurtured by your loving attention during this time of my healing and incapacitation in a cast.

Thanks to Mary Dochterman who organized the Live Oak Meal Train on our behalf. Call

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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



Gastronomical Gratitude Cont.

Clacey, our administrator, or Mary to join this much needed and appreciated, direct demonstration of our community of caring!

Wilma Seelye

Marty Morgan Memorial Service

A memorial service for Marty Morgan will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 2:00pm. There will be a potluck with finger foods, desserts and beverages and help is needed. Please contact Colleen Poulsen to sign up.

Join the Live Oak Choir!

If you have ever been curious about singing with the choir, this is a great time to come on out and join in the fun. We are beginning rehearsals for our Choir Sunday in July, so join us on Thursday evening at 7:00 to learn some new music. If you have questions, ask any choir member or talk to our Music Director, John Douglas.

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**