

# The Acorn

## Upcoming Events

**May 19:**  
7:00 P.M.  
Membership  
presents:  
Tickling Giants

**May 28:**  
11:30 A.M.  
Budget Hearing  
Taco Bar Lunch

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

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

**June 10:**  
7:00 P.M.  
David Moore  
coming to Live Oak!

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

### Jim LeVasseur Memorial

A Celebration of Life  
will be held  
Sunday, May 21,  
at 2:30 at Live Oak  
Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation

May 14, 2017



## *Mothers on Mothering*

This Mothers' Day four Live Oak women will share their experiences of mothering. They will be speaking from their hearts as they tell their own personal stories of raising children, from being the mother of a young one to being a grandmother.

## This Week's Meetings and Events

**Sunday May 14**  
10:00 A.M. Worship

**Monday May 15**  
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

**Tuesday May 16**  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

**Wednesday May 17**  
4:00 P.M. Social Justice  
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection

**Thursday May 18**  
12:30 P.M. Staff Meeting  
2:30 P.M. Committee on  
Ministry (C)

**Friday May 19**  
**Annual Report Deadline**  
10:30 A.M. Hookers &  
Needlers ©  
7:00 P.M. Tickling Giants

**Saturday May 20**  
2:00 P.M. Rental (S)  
4:00 P.M. Proud Prom  
Rental (S)

**Sunday May 21**  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Getting to Know  
UU (C)

[http://liveoakgoleta.org/  
events-calendar/](http://liveoakgoleta.org/events-calendar/)

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



## Sharing our Joys and Sorrows

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

- \* **Liz Zok** expressed joy of Jessica Lewis' birthday today, and gratitude for having her as a friend, and having her and her family here at Live Oak. When out to lunch together, she was mistaken for her mother and says she "would be proud to be her mom."
- \* **Subhana Bonner** shared joy that her grandson turned 4 and said "Let's party hearty!" Also, she will be going back to New Hampshire for 5 weeks to sell her house and will miss being at Live Oak.
- \* **Kristin Otte** shared concern for her sewing friend, Jan, who had a stroke and is in an induced coma. She's hoping she will be ok, and asks that we keep Jan and her family in our thoughts.
- \* **Sue Belanger** lit a candle for transition in her life. She is semi-retired, and is looking forward to moving sometime in the near future to Salem, OR, near her sister. (She will continue to stay with Lisl as long as she is needed.)
- \* **Lars Poulsen** lit a candle for his sister, who fell and broke her shoulder at about the time her husband died in Feb., and is now being discharged from hospice and moving back to her home, that was about to be sold. He asks for strength for her.
- \* **Susan Braden** was away last weekend at her mother's 90th birthday celebration. Her mother is in good health, still independent and drives. Sue also enjoyed leading the Arroyo Hondo walk with some Live Oak folks.

## Upcoming Sermons

**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.



AFTER SERVICE & BEFORE BUDGET MEETING

Hosted by Pastoral Care Associates



## Children's Exploration



Happy Mother's Day to all you mothers and to the blessed mother in all of us!! As we have been honoring the Mother Earth in RE this

month, we also honor the creative process that truly IS what mothering on the Earth-level is all about.

This Sunday will be two fold here in Religious Exploration. We will get our compost bin together by starting the organic process with dried and fresh clippings and debris. And at the same time, we will be preparing a gift at the end of this Sunday's service for all Mothers and Mothers in all of us!!

Tell a Mother you love her!! May kindness lead this day!! Blessed day to all!!

Join us for a screening



The Membership Ministry invites you to join them on May 19 at 7:00 P.M. to watch a screening of "Tickling Giants" at Live Oak. Donations are welcome.

How can you help?

- Attend
- Encourage other Live Oakers to join you
- Bring friends
- And please share on social media and via email!

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.

For more information check out the trailer with the link below!

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

## Social Justice News

\* [David Moore](#) Coming to Live Oak – Save the date – June 10, 2017, 7:00 PM

**Sanctuary/Immigration Resolution for Live Oak.** The LO Social Justice Ministry has presented this draft of a resolution to the congregation and would like feedback. Send comments to Jan Ross ([jandjross@cox.net](mailto:jandjross@cox.net)) or Lora Barnett ([lora.barnett@gmail.com](mailto:lora.barnett@gmail.com)). And come to the Social Justice Ministry meeting on Wed 5/17 at 4-6pm to talk it over. There are many things we can do to support immigrants struggling with this issue.

### **Draft Immigration/Sanctuary Resolution for June 2017**

We, the members of the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta, CA recognize that the current immigration policy in the United States impacts families and vulnerable peoples in ways that are immoral and unjust. As a covenantal community of faith, we now choose to enter into a time of discernment, reflection and education in order to discern what our role may be in helping to shift unjust and unsafe immigration policies towards justice, safety and compassion for all people regardless of their immigration status. We seek to be a voice that stands firmly on the side of love and recognize that our role as a religious community requires us to undertake this work with care for one another and respect for the diversity of views that are present among us as well as respect and care for those who are impacted by our action and advocacy.

We seek to create, promote and affirm actions that support a moral immigration policy at all levels of civic life. At this time, our congregation agrees to the following actions:

- Cooperate with other UU congregations, other faiths, and secular groups that are focusing on immigration issues for the purposes of education and action
- Offer lifespan education, youth and young adult programming, and worship services that explore immigration issues
- Participate in efforts that support the rights and dignity of immigrants
- Explore and implement ways to transform concern into action, including the possibility of providing or assisting with sanctuary for undocumented immigrants at special risk.

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

**May 14:** Healthcare for All Forum at 2pm at Faulkner Gallery

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

**June 1:** Community Forum to Revise Police Use of Force Policy 6-8pm at Casa de la Raza. Put on by Showing up for Racial Justice, Black Lives Matter SB and others.

### **Blue Ribbons = Pastoral Care Associates**

Have you noticed the new blue ribbons with indigo printing on them? Pastoral Care Associates are now wearing them on our Live Oak name tags. We want to be easy to find by all who need assistance or a listening ear.

## Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation



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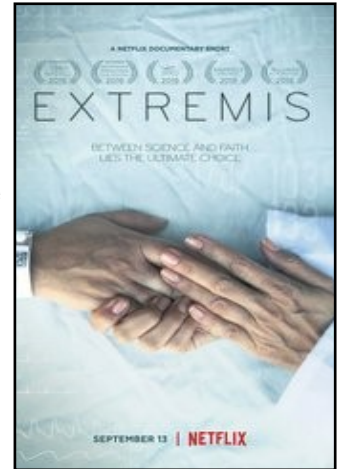
## Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care invites you to join them in a screening of the documentary “Extremis” on June 3 from 7:00—9:00 P.M.

Discussion facilitated following the documentary film by Barb Finch and Rev Tamara.

For more information about the film please click on the link below:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5538078/>



## For Rent

We have a large second-floor studio apartment available at our house, near Patterson and Cathedral Oaks. We'd love to rent it to a kindred spirit (or spirits) and build community here. The apartment is approximately 400 square feet, with great light and windows on all four sides, semi-private patio, and shared backyard amenities. It has a kitchenette with hot plate, but no oven. \$1250, utilities included.

Interested? Please email [studio@cabeen.org](mailto:studio@cabeen.org) and maybe we can get to know each other.

- Christina, Ted, Rebecca, and Sibyl Cabeen

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



Barb Finch 5/1, Wilson Hubbell 5/4, James Wells 5/4,  
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