

The Acorn

May 25, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

Live Oak Event Book!



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This Sunday!

Sunday, May 27
11:45 A.M.

Live Oak
Congregational
Budget Hearing



Joining Lifetimes

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

We hear that one of the most pernicious problems of our culture is that of loneliness. At Live Oak, we join together for many reasons to create an intentional, loving, multigenerational community that connects us through our lifetimes.

Today we 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.)

Sunday May 27

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Souper Sunday
11:45 A.M. Congregational Budget Hearing (S)

Monday May 28

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

Tuesday May 29

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday May 30

6:00 P.M. Adama (S)

Thursday May 31

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday June 1

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

Saturday June 2

2:00 P.M. Lora Young ordination at USSB

Sunday June 3

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

June 3: RE Sunday Steven Lovelace & Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Please join us for our annual RE Sunday celebration of our congregation's children and youth. We will have beautiful singing, OWL honoring, artwork, and a lot of warm fuzzies. We have had a very active RE year and it is an honor to be seen in front of the Live Oak community. We really want to show you all who we are!!

Children's Religious Exploration News

This Sunday in Religious Exploration, we will be creating finishing touches for RE Sunday since this is our last time to meet before then. Truly hope you will be around to participate if you have a young one in RE.

This week we are creating two community mandalas, one dedicated to our friends and family, and one to the Mother Earth. We will also be singing during art time as we are learning a song for the kids to sing on June 3 to the congregation.

SUMMER FUUN AND NEEDING TEACHERS FOR SUMMER

Consider volunteering a Sunday in Religious Exploration!! Summer is a great time to introduce yourself to the kids and the idea of teaching as it is light and easy, and often a smaller group. If you have any interest or inclination to work with Live Oaks' kids and youth, send me an email at dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org. We are working hard to prepare our kids to help make our world a better place.

LIVE OAK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sunday May 27 at 8 pm, KEYT Channel 3 will broadcast the "Teen Sing Santa Barbara" concert benefitting local disaster survivors. The concert was planned by three local teens (including Steven's Tali Ratcliffe) with the help of Kenny Loggins and was recorded Live at the Marjorie Luke Theater at SB Junior High on March 9. Set your DVRs to see our own Lura Pearson and Rebecca Jamgochian among the performers in this moving and heartfelt production that raised over \$65K to help community survivors of the debris flow disaster. BRAVO!!

OWL-HONORING/BREAKFAST REMINDER

- Our OWL honoring will be on RE Sunday June 3rd.
- Our OWL Breakfast will be at 8:45 on Sunday June 10th.

If your child was involved in OWL, please RSVP to Steven for the 3rd at dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org (for RE Sunday)

If your child was involved in OWL, please RSVP to Clacey for the 10th at administrator@liveoakgoleta.org (for the pancake breakfast)

.....Thank you

"Music, at its essence, is what gives us memories. And the longer a song has existed in our lives, the more memories we have of it." -Stevie Wonder

Joys & Sorrows

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

- * Gail Boehme: Shared there was a memorial service for a close friend and colleague of her husband Tom last week.
- * Alexandra Williams: Joy for her son Aidan, age 21, who had a fabulous prom night complete with limousine.
- * Barbara Hodgdon: Joy her husband David had his melanoma successfully removed. Also she had a wonderful surprise on Mother's Day when her daughter from London came for a visit.
- * Bev Troon: Joy that she qualified for her driver's license since having a stroke. It was a joy to be able to drive herself to Live Oak!
- * Diane Cline: Spoke for her niece Jeannie McGough, whose husband Duffy died recently and suddenly. She thanked the many Live Oak congregants who attended Duffy's memorial and offered condolences, especially Rev. Tamara for support.
- * Jeannie will be going north to visit family, including her daughter who has two small children.
- * Lars Poulsen: Sorrow that his sister died on Tuesday. But great joy that he became a grandfather ("morfar") on Thursday.



A "Youthful" Souper Sunday!

A BIG thanks to the Live Oak Sangha who beautifully hosted Souper Sunday in April. We really appreciate the generosity, and culinary skills, of the Sangha members! **Our next luncheon is set for this Sunday, May 27**, and will be hosted by the Live Oak youth group (ably assisted by Melanie Jacobson). Mark your calendar now, and plan to support our wonderful youth after the service (and before joining us back in the sanctuary for the Annual Budget Hearing).

These luncheons continue to be a great way to build community while also supporting Live Oak's fundraising budget. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program, and of 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 our "flower communion"**



Wondering About Becoming A Member of Live Oak?

The Membership Ministry will be hosting a newcomer orientation, "Path to Membership", on Saturday, June 9th, 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, Diane Green, Barbara Hodgdon, Mary Ince, Priscilla Marchus (Co-Chair), Debbie Mackie (Co-Chair), Carter Morgan and Liz Zok.

Save The Date! Live Oak Mini-Auction!

Save the Date! In conjunction with our Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, June 10, we will also hold a Mini-Auction. Several generous donors will offer items that have been very popular with members in the past, and are anticipated each year. This will be a live auction with the dynamic Alexandra Williams as auctioneer.



☆ **LAKE TAHOE CONDOMINIUM** offered by Debbie Mackie.

Located in South Lake Tahoe, two miles from Stateline and Heavenly Gondola, and a quarter mile from the lake. This is a three-bedroom, two bath house with a wood burning fireplace and a beautiful deck for sun in the summer. Enjoy three nights anytime except major holidays.



☆ **KAUAI CONDOMINIUM** offered by Priscilla Marchus & Glen Takaichi.

A week in a luxurious condo on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai. Located on a golf course, within walking distance of north shore beaches and surf spots. Your stay includes the use of a car, and the \$180 cleaning fee is extra. You choose the week depending on availability.

In addition to these vacation spots, there will be a couple of surprise items, too. Bring your check book along, start with pancake breakfast, have soup after service, attend the Congregational Meeting and stay for the Auction fun!

Questions, please contact Jane Gray at zenigari@yahoo.com, 310-562-1704; Kristin Otte at okko@cox.net, 805-683-4390; or Jeri Moulder at jerimoulder@gmail.com, 805-966-6461.



Lora (Barnett) Young Ordination

Saturday, June 2nd at 2pm

Live Oak UU Congregation is answering the call to prepare finger foods for the reception following Lora Young's ordination. Lora Barnett, as we knew her, served LOUUC (2016-17) as a ministerial intern, delivering several thoughtful sermons, directing the RE Program in the absence of an acting DRE, facilitating the OWL Program for our youth, and so much more. This is our opportunity to say THANK YOU, and given our affinity for good food, we can do this! Please SCROLL DOWN the list to view all of the finger foods category options before checking any of the boxes. Lora is expecting between 250-300 attendees. Consider providing toothpicks for easier handling (i.e., sliced sausages, meatballs, pineapple, melons) and if bringing grapes, cut the bunches into manageable clusters. We're aiming to minimize cutlery. Please also clearly mark on your plates, trays, platters your NAME, Ph. #, and LOUUC, so that, if left behind we can reunite you. We additionally need a few volunteers to assist USSB's set-up and take-down crews. If you can, please sign up.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/000myz>

If you plan on attending Lora's ordination, please R.S.V.P to
administrator@liveoakgoleta.org

The Live Oak Auction is Returning - Help Us Plan!

At the May 22 Board meeting, it was decided to accept the recommendation of the Coordinating Team and move forward with plans for a service auction to be held in the fall. Board members have been discussing the merits of an auction vs. continuing with the Event Book that was begun this year as the major vehicle of our 2017-18 fundraising budget. We would like to acknowledge the team of Jane Gray, Kristin Otte, and Jeri Moulder for coordinating the Event Book for us. We very much appreciate their efforts and thank them for bringing this new model to us. Many people stepped up to host or attend a variety of events, and lots of fun continues to be had with these great activities and services. Thanks to all who have participated!

Members of both the Board and the C-Team have heard from a number of congregants who tell us that they have missed not having our annual auction. With this in mind, we believe that there will be interest and enthusiasm on the part of many individuals to help plan a successful fall auction. **Will you join us?**

It is important to start early, and Jane Gray has generously offered to host an initial planning session on **Monday, June 4 at 6:30 PM at 5057 La Ramada.**

Social Justice News

Summer Movie Nights at Live Oak! Coming in July, stay tuned for more information.

What Can I Do? When you hear about the upswing in the misuse of power and oppression do you cringe? Would you like to help? Come with our Social Justice Ministry to "Being an Ally for Collective Liberation," a workshop at the Conejo Valley UU Fellowship with Chris Crass leading. 2-4 pm Sunday June 3. More information: Jan Ross 805-570-3133. \$10-15 donation requested.

Community Activities

June 11: Pflag Meeting, 7-8:30 pm at First Methodist Church, Discussion of LGBTQ & Latino Identities

June 14: SB Progressive Coalition: 6-7:30 pm at SB Red Cross (2707 State St)

June 23: Songtree with Luis Munoz, benefitting National Mental Health Alliance

June 27: Social Justice Ministry of Live Oak meeting 4:30-6:30 Everyone is welcome!

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

July 22: Social Justice service at Live Oak

- Every Tuesday at 5pm is a protest against nuclear weapons at the corner of Micheltorena St. and State St. right in front of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

The 2018 Farm Bill which is going through the Agriculture Committee right now contains some disturbing components. After years of failed attempts, Iowa's Rep. King has succeeded in slipping pro-factory farm legislation into the 2018 Farm Bill. The PICA amendment would make it impossible to pass laws regulating products from farm animals raised in cages to shutting down puppy mills. The legislation could also put other animal protection laws in jeopardy, including:

- State puppy mill laws banning retail pet store sales of commercially bred puppies
- State laws banning the sale of cat, dog, and horse meat
- State laws banning the sale of shark fins

At any moment the 2018 Farm Bill could go the House floor for a vote. Please ask your Congress people to reject this version with the King PICA Amendment.

IMMIGRATION

Separating Families Must Stop! In an effort to deter families from seeking asylum in the United States, nearly 700 immigrant children have ALREADY been separated from their parents since October, including 100 children under the age of four. The American Academy of Pediatrics has joined more than 200 child welfare, juvenile justice, and child development organizations in demanding that the government put an end to this cruel

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



Marina Hall 5/25
Susan Braden 6/1
Gloria Liggett 6/4
Finn McCauley 6/5
Steven Lovelace 6/6

Social Justice News Continued

policy. The administration's policy of child removal is inhumane and may be a violation of international law.

-Sample Script: I am calling from [zip code] to urge (Senator Harris/Feinstein; Rep. Carbajal) to protest the Trump administration's policy of separating immigrant families, and to oppose any legislation that separates children from their parents at the border.

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

A Goleta Vacation?

Do you have friends or relatives that would like to visit our area? However, limited space in your home or the high cost of local accommodations might be holding them back. Well, here is the opportunity you may have been looking for. A Live Oak family will be on vacation from their home for stretch of time during the summer and then again in the early fall. This family is looking for friends or relatives of Live Oak members who would like to housesit in exchange for a place to enjoy an extended stay. If this interests you, please call Clacey in the Live Oak office, and she will connect you with the hosts.

Book Group

Monday, June 4th, 2PM in the cottage at Live Oak, we will discuss *Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat. Guests are welcome.

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

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