

The Acorn

May 4, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

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April Half Basket Report

4/1
Youth Leadership Program
\$339.00

4/15
350.org
\$310.75



Beltane Ritual with Essayan Hart

This morning we will share a community ritual, in the spirit of reclaimed pagan traditions which thrive in the Pacific Northwest and down the California Coast. Beltane, is a cross-quarter holiday, between Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice. At cross quarters, the veil between worlds is said to be thin, and we have an opportunity to release and renew. At Beltane our work in the world is refreshed, re-awakened, as we harvest the joy, lightness, sexuality, and boundless energy of Spring. Expect meditation, song, and stories.

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Sunday May 6

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Sermon
Conversation (S)

Monday May 7

2:00 P.M. Book Group (C)
5:30 P.M. RE Council Mtg. (C)

Tuesday May 8

4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care
6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry (OS)
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday May 9

7:00 P.M. Adult Programs: Hopi Reflections (S)

Thursday May 10

10:00 A.M. UU Minister's Mtg. (S)
2:00 P.M. Membership
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday May 11

10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)
4:00 P.M. Rental (C)
6:30 P.M. Religious Exploration Game Night

Saturday May 12

No Scheduled Events

Sunday May 13

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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May 6 Service Continued

Bio: Essayan Hart is a ritualist, painter, and songwriter with roots in Pagan, Buddhist and Sufi traditions. She has studied with a multitude of American Witches, including Starhawk, Free Activist Witch Camp, and the Radical Faeries of Southern Oregon. She has whirled with dervishes in Konya, Turkey, and studied under the guidance of Dr. Ibrahim Farajaje (peace on his name), Rev. Rebecca Parker, and Rev. Gabriella Lettini. She earned a Master's Degree in Multi-faith Spiritual Leadership for Social Change from Starr King School for the Ministry in 2013.

Please feel free to bring small personal objects or writing that may be placed on the altar for a charge or a release. Items connected to things you wish to call in for the coming year, or items you wish to charge with intentions for the coming year are most encouraged. There will be time in ritual to speak or write these intentions as well.

Children's Religious Exploration

THIS WEEK IN RE: This week is the completion of OWL 4-6. What a amazing ride! I have learned so much and it is an honor to present such foundational material to our congregation's kids. I am impressed with their willingness to take on such a HUGE subject matter as sexuality, especially with homework every week, and getting up early on Sunday morning to attend a class that demands their attention.

Thank you to the kids and families for taking this on, making the commitment and helping create a more open and loving world. We do that one step at a time and OWL is an important part of that step for these young people.

MAY 11- SECOND FRIDAY INTERGEN GAME NIGHT 6:30 PM

Reminder it's Second Friday Game Night for Religious Exploration, and thank you to Diane Green for hosting Friday night May 11 at 6:30. You can bring food to share if you like but whatever you do, COME FOR FUN!! Bring friends, and all ages are welcome of course! This is our last scheduled RE Game Night until Fall but surely if someone is interested in hosting in June, July, August and September, or any one or two of those, let me know. Seems like our congregation loves our Intergenerational Game Night.

MARK YOUR 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 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!!

Children's Religious Exploration Continued

Lastly, 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. If you are okay with these photos being posted on the website please let me know as well.

"Where should I go?" said Alice.

"That depends on where you want to end up" replied The Cheshire Cat."

-Lewis Carrol, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass

Half Basket

This Sunday our half basket will be donated to the Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network. The mission of this organization is "to rescue, rehabilitate and return to the wild sick, injured, orphaned, or oil-impaired wild birds and small mammals native to Santa Barbara county and to educate the public about living in harmony with wildlife." Please help us to help the wild creatures in our area survive and to thrive.

For More information about SB Wildlife Care Network: <http://www.sbwcn.org/>

Hopi Reflections

Adult RE Wed. May 9th, at 7 PM

Come hear about Jeri's service trip to the Hopi reservation in April. She will share photos and stories of her experience and what she learned (and didn't learn) about the Hopi Culture. Live Oak contributed to this project with a half basket donation.

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

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 the Social Justice Ministry know of worthy groups!

May 23: 4:30-6:30 Next Live Oak Social Justice Ministry meeting. Come for a visit or join. Everyone is welcome!

Community Activities

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

****May 14: "Spring Forward to Fossil Free Rally,"** 5:30-6 by 350 SB, Platform Holly and Piers 451 Decommission Hearing 6-8 pm. Goleta City Hall Chambers. The purpose of the town hall is to update the community on the State Lands Commission's efforts to plug and abandon the oil and gas wells at Platform Holly and Piers 421 and begin the decommissioning process for the facilities. Commission staff will also provide a status update on Venoco, LLC's bankruptcy proceedings and the Ellwood Onshore Facility.

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
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- * Kamala Harris- Sacramento 916-448-2787, Washington 202-224-3553
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- * Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24th district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934,
Contact through his site

Thank You!

On behalf of Wendy and Carter Morgan and our entire family, we'd like to thank the Live Oak community. So many of you offered your support to our family with cards and calls regarding my mother Marty's passing in December. Two Saturdays ago, you hosted a beautiful celebration of life followed by a lovely reception. We so appreciate the many individuals who organized this day and pitched in by setting up, providing food and drink, and then cleaning up afterwards. Thank you, thank you! It is our very good fortune to be a part of this loving community! Please know how much you are appreciated.



Lora Young Ordination Meal Train

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>

Important Information for Phone Users

Starting 6/2/18, customers with an 805 area code must enter the area code for all calls. An overlay is the addition of another area code to the same geographic area as an existing area code. That also means editing stored numbers in your phone if you don't have them stored with the area code.

More information: <https://www.verizonwireless.com/support/area-code-overlay-805-faqs/>

In California, the 820 area code is being added to the area served by the 805 area code to ensure a continuing supply of phone numbers. You won't have to change your existing area code or phone number. However, because more than one area code will now serve the same geographic area, it does require you to dial or enter the area code and the 7-digit number for all calls, including calls within the same area code.

Tonight!

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

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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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

Supporting Our Members

Celebrating Female Composers from Hildegarde to Holst and more... We joined the women's march. Now revel in women's choral literature! Melanie performs with the Santa Barbara Quire of Voyces Sat., May 5th at 7pm and Sun., May 6th at 3pm. [Click here](#) for more detailed information.

Al Ronyecz will read his original work "Two Minutes Hate – A Modern Day Rewrite of an Excerpt from George Orwell's 1984" as a part of the final meeting of the Speaking of Stories class. The free readers theater presentation will be in the Center Stage Theater-2nd floor Paseo Nuevo on Thursday evening May 17 at 7PM.

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.



Marie is also pleased to announce that she has received the John Moses Memorial Award for her painting at the Faulkner Library. It is part of a Santa Barbara Association Art show from May 1 to June 4, 2018.

Goleta Valley Library

The Goleta Valley Library has become an independent jurisdiction within the Black Gold Library Cooperative Library System, which is an important step in the City of Goleta taking over operations of their library effective July 1st. All public libraries in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties belong to Black Gold, which manages library material deliveries, technology, and resource sharing in public libraries throughout the Central Coast region.

Patrons registered to the Goleta branch library will need to come into the library, or any other SBPL library location, to update their accounts with a Goleta Valley Library card number before they are able to check out any new materials or access electronic resources

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