

# The Acorn

June 1, 2018

## This Week's Meetings and Events

### Live Oak Event Book!



[Reserve your spots now!](#)

### May Half Basket Report

**05/06/2018**

Santa Barbara  
Wildlife Care  
Network  
\$243.00

**05/20/2018**

Santa Barbara  
Bucket Brigade  
\$484.00



Artist: Emmanuelle Colin

## 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!!

### Sunday June 3

10:00 A.M. Worship

### Monday June 4

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group  
4:00 P.M. Book Group (C)

### Tuesday June 5

4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care  
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group  
Facilitators Mtg. (C)  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

### Wednesday June 6

3:30 P.M. Committee on  
Ministry (C)  
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)  
6:30 P.M. Covenant Group

### Thursday June 7

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

### Friday June 8

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

### Saturday June 9

9:00 A.M. Path to  
Membership

### Sunday June 10

9:00 A.M. OWL Pancake  
breakfast (FH)  
10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 A.M. Souper Sunday  
12:00 P.M. Annual Mtg. (S)

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

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

## Upcoming Sermons

### **June 10: *Wisdom Large and Small*** Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Rabindranath Tagore wrote that “The small wisdom is like water in a glass: clear, transparent, pure. The great wisdom is like the water in the sea: dark, mysterious, impenetrable.” Today we explore the concept of wisdom and how it moves in our lives. Today after service we will share in a Souper Sunday lunch and then head in to the sanctuary for our Congregational Annual Meeting. It is hoped that all members and friends participate in this annual gathering as we exercise our fifth UU principle promoting the “right of conscience and use of the democratic process.”

### **June 17: *Fathers on Fathering***

This Fathers’ Day Live Oak men will share their experiences of fathering. They will be speaking from their hearts as they tell their own personal stories of raising children.

### **June 24: *Not Quite Live from our Unitarian Universalist (UU) Assemblies***

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

In April, Rev. Tamara attended our Pacific Western Region assembly and will have just finished attending (remotely) our UU General Assembly on this Sunday. Join her this morning as she shares some of the topics and happenings from these two events.

## Joys & Sorrows

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



- \* Carrie Topliffe: Joy at turning 65 and will be retiring this Friday.
- \* Phil Norvell: Shared he was in rehab 50 years ago. His doctor, who was so important to Phil’s recovery, recently died.
- \* Pat Johnson: has a card for Lora Young’s ordination and would like us to sign it.
- \* Priscilla Marchus: Sorrow upon the death of a dear Treble Clef friend, Merrily, who died Sunday. This is the third Treble Clef woman to die since January. Also, after reconnecting with some friends in FL she is considering joining the UU group from Venice, FL on their trip to Morocco in Nov.

## Half Basket

This Sunday we are donating our Half-Basket to the UU General Assembly Domestic Violence Care Package Project. Each year at General Assembly, our annual UUA Conference, there is a “Public Witness” project offered to participants. This year Black Lives Unitarian Universalists (BLUU) are sponsoring the three parts of this public witness project. We are donating to the part where conference participants will build Domestic Violence Care Packages for the Kansas City community. Please help support our national UUA effort and our national Black Lives UU group do this important work. Thank you for your help and caring!

To Find Out More: <https://www.uua.org/ga/justice/witness>

## Children's Religious Exploration News

It's "Our Week"....RE SUNDAY!! We are pleased to show our stuff in Religious Exploration! Please join us this Sunday for a meaningful, lively, musical service. We want you to see what we've created, hear what we concerned ourselves with, and how we want to see the future. RE Sunday is a beautiful and honoring UU tradition and we are thrilled to share it with you this week!!

### OWL-HONORING/BREAKFAST

Reminder: Our OWL honoring will be on RE Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Our OWL Breakfast will be at 8:45 on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>.

If your child was involved in OWL, please RSVP to Steven for the 3<sup>rd</sup> at [dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org) (for RE Sunday)

If your child was involved in OWL, please RSVP to Clacey for the 10<sup>th</sup> at [administrator@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:administrator@liveoakgoleta.org) (for the pancake breakfast)

### 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 an interest or inclination to work with Live Oaks' kids and youth, send me an email at [dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org). We are working hard to prepare our kids to help make our world a better place.

### GAME NIGHT AND SUMMER FUN

RE Intergenerational Game Night will continue through the summer and thank you to the FUUN Team and Diane Green for hosting June's evening, which will be on the THIRD Friday June 15 at 6:30 PM because the second Friday is the last day of school (Don't want to make the families crazy trying to squeeze that in...). Gloria and Jeri will host the next two, and back to Second Friday on July 13 and August 10, also at 6:30 and of course, you are always welcome to bring snacks to share.

Stay tuned for more summer fUUn activities and if you are willing to host an activity (beach pot luck, bowling, hike etc.) let me know at [dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org).

"Looking back over a lifetime, you see that love was the answer to everything."  
-Ray Bradbury

## Wondering About Becoming A Member of Live Oak?

The Membership Ministry will be hosting a newcomer orientation, "Path to Membership", on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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, have soup after service, attend the Congregational Meeting and stay for the Auction fun!

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

## 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.**

Please help us to get started by bringing your ideas and enthusiasm (along with a beverage or munchie to share). There will be a variety of tasks, both large and small, and we'd love to have YOUR support now. So will you join us? As is always the case at Live Oak, many hands lessen the work, which in turn allows us to have fun together. We hope to see you on June 4. Please RSVP to the Live Oak office: 967-7867.

## Social Justice News



### Remember to Vote!

Supporting Single payer Healthcare: If you would like to help this cause, contact Jan Ross to get a flyer to take to your doctor, asking if he/she would join Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP.)

**Summer Movie Nights at Live Oak!** Coming in July, stayed 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 Concert 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 Action

#### 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 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. \*Also to comment on the lack of monitoring and losing immigrant children (urging our officials to take full and immediate responsibility for the well-being and safety of vulnerable children and infants,) contact:

Chief of Staff: John Kelly 202-456-1414

Attorney General: Jeff Sessions 202-353-1555

DHS Secretary: Kirstjen Nielson 202-282-8495

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



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

## Social Justice News Continued

### Our Members of Congress

- \* Dianne Feinstein- LA office 310-914-7300, Washington office 202-224-3841  
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- \* Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jnorthsinger@gmail.com).

## Live Oak Directory

If you have been attending Live Oak, getting involved in the Live Oak community and are ready to be listed in our directory, please let Clacey Kahn, our Administrator, know by email ([administrator@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:administrator@liveoakgoleta.org)) or by phoning the office (805-967-7867).

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