

The Acorn

June 14, 2019

This Week's Events and Meetings

Movie Night!

A United Kingdom

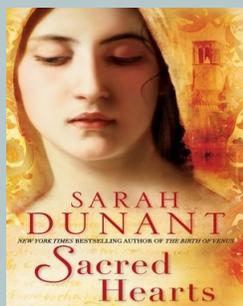
[Rotten Tomatoes](#)



June 21st at 7:00 P.M.

Book Group

Monday, July 1st, 2PM in the cottage, we will discuss *Sacred Hearts: a novel*, by Sarah Dunant.



Guests are welcome.



Artist: Pascal Campion

Stories of Our Fathers

Members of Live Oak share their stories of their fathers and the men who shaped who they are.

Friday June 14

10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)
6:30 P.M. Game Night (FH)

Saturday June 15

9:00 A.M. Yoga (FH)

Sunday June 16

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 Coffee Hour Music!

Monday June 17

5:30 P.M. Yoga (S)

Tuesday June 18

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday June 19

6:00 P.M. Adama (S)

Thursday June 20

10:00 A.M. Staff Mtg.
12:30 P.M. Coordinating Team Mtg.
7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

Friday June 21

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

Saturday June 22

9:00 A.M. Yoga (S)

Sunday June 23

10:00 A.M. Worship (S)
11:30 A.M. Town Hall (S)

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

Upcoming Sermons

June 23: Summer Solstice Ritual Essayan Hart

This morning we will turn our attention to the sun, to our child selves, and to all that is light, free, and life giving. Our Summer Solstice Ritual will include collective play, songs, movement and laughter. This is a moment of suspension from our norms, where we can lift up ease and delight, and shake away all that weighs us down. Come and bring your sense of play!

June 30: Now Let Us Sing

Join us on this special morning as we celebrate the joy of singing in general and our Live Oak choir in particular!

Children's Religious Exploration

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: 7 Principles and Games-week two, and our second week to explore the First Principle. Do you feel important? What does "inherent worth and dignity" mean? Join Christina and Jane in Religious Exploration, and discuss the reasons why we are "all important", as our first principle states. This should make for some lively discussion.... Then we can all play a game!

This is a great time to invite friends to "come to church on Sunday". The principles are so harmless and non-confrontational, that any kid can participate AND to be followed by a game, even better!! Consider that when making weekend plans with friends. We love friends in RE!!

CAMP DE BENNEVILLE PINES ELEMENTARY CAMP: If you were not already aware, there is a UU camp up in the San Bernardino Mountains, about three hours from SB. It's called Camp de Benneville Pines. It's up up up in the tall pines and it's always a blast, especially for kids.

This first camp is for elementary age kids, and the theme is "Come Together" like the old Beatles song. It's an opportunity to meet other UU kids and have a home-away-from-home experience, along with activities, creative programs and home cooked meals. You can check this out at <https://uu.camp/elem2019>. The dates are July 7-13.

For general information, you can contact Janet at director@uucamp.org or call 909 435 6298. For info on this camp, contact Geoff at cmd@uucamp.org or call 623 252 5619. To register or information on registering, contact Laura at registrar@uucamp.org or call 909 794 2928.

Camp de Benneville Pines is a camp focused on a community of love and acceptance where all are welcome. Sounds great, right?

ART WORK IN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: Please come by after service on a Sunday or contact Steven at dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org to make a time to come by and pick up your child's art work. There is some beautiful stuff in here and our kids made it!!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES Looking to create or plan some fun events this summer that can include all ages, whether a beach day, a hike up Rattlesnake Canyon, or even a more

Children's Religious Exploration Continued

organized trip to Disneyland or Magic Mountain. It's so much more fun to be with a group of friends. Let me know if you have any ideas or are open to planning something and we can go from there. There is fun in numbers.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "People don't notice if it's winter or summer when they're happy."
—Anton Chekhov

Half Basket

This Sunday we are donating our half basket to help fund a summer camp for Palestinian children in Beit Ummar and surrounding villages. It will be providing up to 70 children with a camp that offers tech training with laptop computers and an opportunity to build a robot, in addition to field events and swimming. This is an area which is impoverished and has had a high incidence of their children being incarcerated in Israeli prisons. The camp is being sponsored by Center for Freedom and Justice in Colorado and helped by members of the UU Justice for the Middle East group. Thank you for giving generously.

To Find Out More: <https://www.gofundme.com/a-summer-camp-for-children-in-beit-ummar>

Coffee Hour Music at Live Oak!

Live Oak's Membership Ministry has a new idea to attract visitors to our campus. Our goal is to have musicians perform on the patio during coffee hour once a month. We will advertise through The Acorn and NextDoor, and we need your help too! First, it would be great if you would plan to stay after service for 30 minutes or so to enjoy the music (11:20 to noonish). There will be a donation jar, but what musicians especially enjoy is an appreciative audience. In addition to your presence, we'd love to have you spread the word about "coffee hour music" with friends and neighbors. Through a variety of music, we hope to share the beauty of Live Oak as well as the friendliness of our congregation. Visitors are welcome to come just for coffee and music, but of course they are welcome to join us for the service also; and maybe some will do just that as they get to know us.

To make it easy to remember, we hope to schedule Coffee Hour Music on the first Sunday of the month. However, our first "concert" will be on **Sunday, June 16**. We've lined up a terrific duo; *Love Lightning* is the husband-wife couple, Alan and Jennifer Svec. They write their own music as well as performing songs by other artists. Alan is an accomplished guitarist, and their vocal harmonies are terrific. Check them out after service on Father's Day Sunday. Maybe you know a father or two who would enjoy this.

On **July 7**, the first Sunday of that month, we will host local bluegrass favorites, *The Salt Martians*. Mark your calendar now for both of these after-service concerts. And be sure to let your friends know about these fun events!

A Message from Rev. Tamara

Dear ones,

Many of you know that I will be away on sabbatical leave in the month of July.

According to the Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association: "Sabbatical leave is an investment that the congregation... makes in the future of a ministry. The minister accrues one month of sabbatical leave each year ..."

Sabbatical leave provides time for ministers to step back from the 24/7 nature of serving our congregations and spend time resting and renewing for the work ahead. Some ministers choose to use part of the sabbatical time to travel, study, read, or engage in other forms of professional development.

After five years of serving as your minister, I am grateful to have the opportunity to take this month of sabbatical leave. My plans are fairly open but will include lots of reading and studying, gardening, time with family, and a few days on retreat. While on sabbatical I will not be answering email, texts, or phone calls. The designated people to contact me in case of a congregational emergency are Jane Gray, Board Chair; Clacey Kahn, Administrator; or members of the Pastoral Care Ministry team.

In addition to the sabbatical month of July, I will be on vacation the last week of June, and on study leave the first week of August. My return to Live Oak will be on August 8.

The Worship team will capably assist with all the worship services and the Pastoral Care team will cover any pastoral needs of the congregation. If you need pastoral attention please contact the people designated each week in the Acorn newsletter.

Pastoral Care contact for 6/23-30: Roberta Weissglass

I wish you all a very restful summer and look forward to seeing you upon my return!
With love and gratitude, Rev. Tamara

Volunteer Opportunities

Holiday Boutique Coordinator: Looking for someone to organize Live Oak's annual Holiday Boutique. This event is a great opportunity to both pick up holiday gifts and raise money for Live Oak! If you have any questions please email administrator@liveoakgoleta.org.

Hospitality help: Summer is almost here and guess what? The hospitality ministry needs a few more good people to either help us before the service or after the social hour. We are very flexible...we can train you any Sunday before the day you'd like to help and we promise, this is a no-guilt ministry...I'll send out a calendar and you can decide when and if you'd like to help. It's not just a cup of coffee...it's a symbol of our warm and hospitable congregation! Contact Pat Johnson.

Live Oak Annual Picnic Coordinator: Every year Live Oak has a Sunday Service and Picnic in nature. For our 2019 Picnic, we need a volunteer to plan the event and recruit volunteers to complete the tasks. The Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 8 at Stow Grove Park. Past picnic coordinators will be available to advise. Reverend Tamara will plan the Sunday Service part. If interested, email coordinatingteam@liveoakgoleta.org.

Social Justice News



Greening of Live Oak! Do you have suggestions of practices we can do here at Live Oak that would help keep our earth healthier? Please let Jan Ross, or anyone on the Social Justice ministry know about it. We are hoping to come up with some guidelines on the use of supplies that will lower our impact on the earth.

Our planet is in grave danger. Click [here](#) for the latest information.

- **LO Social Justice Ministry Meeting**, June 26, 4:30 pm. Everyone is welcome in the Cottage!

Community Activities

- **June 15: Gun Buy Back at Earl Warren Showgrounds**, 8- noon, sponsored by Coalition Against Gun Violence.
- **June 19: Juneteenth Celebration at the SB Library**, 4-8 pm, sponsored by Black Lives Matter and El Centro
- **July 1: SURJ Book group “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates**, 6:30-8 pm, Live Oak Café at 2220 Bath St.
- **August 24: Pride Festival and Love.Period**
- **Sept 15: Rev. Ranwa Hammamy** preaches to Live Oak, and afternoon workshop
- **October: Live Oak service on Beloved Conversations**

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

Think about ways to help register voters in the next nine months! Make sure your registration is up to date. This will help our democracy function next March when the Primary Elections in California occur.

- 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, 360 S. Hope Ave., Suite 301, Santa Barbara.

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Supporting Our Members

Mary Ince has been invited to hang three of her pieces of art work at Indigo Interiors Gallery, 1321 State Street, Santa Barbara, as part of an exhibit: 3 X Eight Three Works by Eight Artists. Show runs from May 2 - June 29, 2019.

Kristin Otte has work in two fiber arts exhibitions. The Carpinteria Arts Center just completed a new gallery. Its premier exhibition of fiber art is showing through the third week of June with pieces by local artists. Included are three quilted wall hangings by Kristin. **Carpinteria Art Center** 855 Linden Ave. 805-684-7789 The second exhibition, with the Fibervision group, is up at the Ojai Art Center, June 8 to July 2. The group will display works made using various techniques in a variety of fabrics, including three-dimensional pieces, by 19 artists. You are invited to the Artist Reception June 15, from 4 - 6 pm. **Ojai Art Center** 113 S. Montgomery St., 805-646-0117

Room Rentals Needed

Roberta Weissglass is looking for 2 inexpensive rooms, possibly in someone's home, in New York City or close by for a short time. A cousin died recently, and while Roberta and her cousin's nephew volunteered to deal with the legalities and cleaning out the apartment, there are no funds to pay any of their expenses, including travel and accommodations. Any suggestions or referrals would be appreciated. -Thank you.

Home grown UU Ventura young man Tanner looking for a room to rent while I attend SBCC. I am 18, responsible, work at Santa Barbara Zoo as an event supervisor and have been there almost 4 years. I have excellent references and have been on UUA board as a youth observer last two years and have been on Camp de Beneville youth board and have been a camp counselor. I am deeply connected to our movement and also open to doing caregiving in exchange for a room. So if you have any connections to any accommodations, you may reach me at 805-231-1552, text is best. Warmly, Tanner Linden Akseven



Happy Birthday to friends and members celebrating June birthdays !

Susan Braden 6/1, Gloria Liggett 6/4, Finn McCauley 6/5, Steven Lovelace 6/6, Amy Noddings 6/21, Chris Noddings 6/28

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