

# The Acorn

## Movie Night!

### A United Kingdom



[Rotten Tomatoes](#)

June 21st at  
7:00 P.M.

## Summer Office Hours

Monday thru  
Friday

8-12

4th Sunday of the  
month

## Town Hall Topics

- **Jeri Moulder**  
Live Oak Mortgage
- **Janet Mocker**  
Wake Now My Vision

June 21, 2019



## 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!

## This Week's Events and Meetings

### Friday June 21

10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)  
7:00 P.M. Movie Night (S)

### Saturday June 22

9:00 A.M. Yoga (FH)

### Sunday June 23

10:00 A.M. Worship  
11:30 Getting to Know UU  
11:30 A.M. Town Hall (S)

### Monday June 24

5:30 P.M. Yoga (S)  
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

### Tuesday June 25

4:00 P.M. Facility Mtg. (C)  
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

### Wednesday June 26

4:30 P.M. Social Justice (C)  
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)  
7:00 P.M. Men's Connection (C)  
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

### Thursday June 27

7:00 P.M. Choir (S)

### Friday June 28

10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers (C)  
7:00 P.M. Movie Night (S)

### Saturday June 29

9:00 A.M. Yoga (S)

### Sunday June 30

10:00 A.M. Worship (S)

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

## Upcoming Sermons

### 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:** "Be kind in all you do" .... It's so simple, right? This is the children's simplified Second Principle stated by UU as "affirming and promoting justice, equity and compassion in human relations." We have a story and a bit of discussion around the topic of "Kindness"....Then... we will 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, with no dogma.. 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:** 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 in the tall pines and it's always a blast, especially for kids. It's a camp focused on a community of love and acceptance where all are welcome. Sounds great, right?

This first camp is for elementary age kids, and the theme is "Come Together". 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](mailto:director@uucamp.org) or call 909 435 6298. For info on this camp, contact Geoff at [cmd@uucamp.org](mailto:cmd@uucamp.org) or call 623 252 5619. For information on registering, contact Laura at [registrar@uucamp.org](mailto:registrar@uucamp.org) or call 909 794 2928.

**ART WORK IN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:** Please come by after service on a Sunday or contact Steven at [dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto: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!!

**SINGING FOR THE KIDS:** If your kids are interested in singing more often for the congregation, let me know. John and I have been talking about it since I started, and as the kids have gotten older, there seems to be rumblings of interest. Nothing would make us both happier than to have a Children/Youth Choir once in a while, and I know the congregation would love it.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "This is the solstice, the still point of the sun, its cusp and midnight, the year's threshold and unlocking, where the past lets go of and becomes the future; the place of caught breath." –Margaret Atwood

## Joys & Sorrows



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

**Sunday, June 9**

- Drew Carter shared a sorrow that his Uncle Bill passed away on Thursday.
- Sue Smiley shared that her husband, Bill, is doing better. He is walking around, but still keeps her busy. She is looking forward to attending General Assembly (GA) in Spokane.
- Maureen Malisewski shared the joy that their daughter had great results with her surgery and has no signs of cancer.
- Priscilla shares the sorrow that her kitty, Karma, died in a tragic accident. Glen is especially heartbroken. She is looking forward to attending GA and singing with the GA choir.

**Sunday, June 16**

- Susan Braden: Grateful for the vigil held Saturday in Lompoc for Eldri Jauch. It was very comforting and peaceful, well attended with many people praising her bright spirit and open, loving generosity. She will be greatly missed!
- Ken and Aletha Solter: Very much appreciate the support of this congregation. They would like everyone to know that there is an ongoing criminal investigation, and they cannot answer any questions at this time.

## Memorial Service Assistance

Dear ones,

We have two memorial services in the near future at Live Oak and I am grateful for the way members and friends are expressing their love and support for the bereaved families.

If you are able to assist with the memorial for Eldri Jauch (July 27) please contact Wilma Seelye, reception coordinator, or Marie Arnold, food coordinator.

If you are able to assist with the memorial for Dr. Tom Dixon (August 10) please contact Colleen Poulsen, reception coordinator.

**We are asking that Live Oakers carpool and/ or park and walk in the day of the memorials to allow family and friends to use our parking lots as much as possible.**

Again, thank you for living out our love and care for one another in this tangible and compassionate way.

Love, Rev. Tamara

## 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



## Souper Sunday Will Continue Next Year!

Thanks to Fermina Murray for stepping up and offering to take over as the coordinator of Souper Sunday in the coming church year! We really appreciate her generosity of spirit which allows this program to continue. If you are an individual or part of a ministry that Fermina calls upon to host a Souper Sunday, please be willing to say "yes."

A BIG thanks also goes out to the Men's Connection! They hosted a yummy lunch on June 9 which sustained everyone before the Annual Meeting. Thanks, Men's Connection (and the women who also pitched in).

These luncheons continue to be a great way to build community while also enhancing Live Oak's fundraising budget - Souper Sundays earned around \$1500 this year. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program, and of the hosting groups, by joining us each month.

## 1st Sunday Music on the Patio

As you probably know, Live Oak's Membership Ministry has embarked on 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 - please spread the word!

Thanks to those of you who stayed after service on June 16 and enjoyed the wonderful music of *Love Lightning*. This terrific husband-wife duo of Alan and Jennifer Svec, entertained us, and they had a great time too. As expected, our Live Oak audience was generous with tips in the donation jar - thank you. Of course, what musicians especially enjoy is an appreciative audience, so plan to stick around if you can each month for *Music on the Patio*. Let your friends and neighbors know about our "coffee hour music" program. 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 *Music on the Patio* on the first Sunday of the month. On **July 7**, the first Sunday of that month, we will host local bluegrass favorites, **The Salt Martians**. Mark your calendar now for this after-service concert. Be sure to let your friends know about this fun program! And stay tuned for word of other musical groups coming to Live Oak in future months.

## Volunteer Opportunities

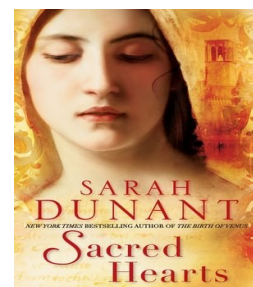
**Hospitality help:** Summer is almost here and guess what? The hospitality ministry needs a few more good people to either help us before the service or after the social hour. We are very flexible...we can train you any Sunday before the day you'd like to help and we promise, this is a no-guilt ministry...I'll 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.

## Afternoon Book Group

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

"A masterfully created captivating tale of convent life in 16th-century Italy." - Donna Leon

Guests are welcome.



## Goleta

We are so fortunate to live in a relatively small city, where we can actually meet and talk with our elected representatives. While you can always make an appointment to visit them in their respective offices, coming up are two great opportunities to meet and talk with them informally, RIGHT HERE in our community.

Below are details of how you can meet in Goleta with Santa Barbara Supervisor Joan Hartmann and Goleta Mayor Paula Perotte together, AND to meet Goleta's newest council member James Kyriaco and at a different time and place.

Don't pass up these chances to meet and talk with these respected and thoughtful representatives. Please see the announcements below for details.

### **MEET GOLETA COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES KYRIACO**

On Saturday June 22, 9-10:30AM I am holding my first "Coffee with a Council Member" at [Old Town Coffee](#) located at 5877 Hollister Avenue in Old Town Goleta. This is a free event and both coffee and other refreshments will be provided. For more information call (805)961-7535 or [email jameskyriaco@gmail.com](mailto:jameskyriaco@gmail.com)

### **MEET SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SUPERVISOR JOAN HARTMANN & GOLETA'S MAYOR PAULA PEROTTE**

On Sunday, June 23, 11AM-1PM Joan Hartmann and Paula Perotte are holding "County and City On Your Corner" at the Goleta Farmer's Market located at the Camino Real Marketplace, 7004 Marketplace Drive. For more information, contact Gina Fisher at 805-568-2192 or [gfischer@countyofsb.org](mailto:gfischer@countyofsb.org)

## Social Justice News



**Justice and Spirit: Unitarian Universalist Book Club** online at Goodreads. "Life never stops sending new spiritual challenges our way. How do we, as individuals and communities, search for truth and meaning, strive for justice and action, navigate our spiritual journeys, and live out our values? This is a place where all who are interested in spirituality, religion, and social justice, whether Unitarian Universalist or not, can discuss books that relate to these crucial questions. We hope to foster deep, meaningful conversations and a welcoming and loving environment. All are welcome. We are reading *A Queer History of the United States for Young People* in June. The July book is *How Does It Feel to be Unwanted?: Stories of Resistance and Resilience from Mexicans Living in the United States*. The August selection is *How to Be Less Stupid About Race*. For September we will be reading *Mistakes and Miracles*."

<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/173731-justice-and-spirit-unitarian-universalist-book-club>

**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.

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

### Community Activities

- **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](mailto:senator@feinstein.senate.gov).
- Kamala Harris - Sacramento 916-448-2787, Washington 202-224-3553 [senator@harris.senate.gov](mailto:senator@harris.senate.gov).
- Salud Carbajal - Congressman-24<sup>th</sup> district, Washington 202-225-3601, 360 S. Hope Ave., Suite 301, Santa Barbara.

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## Supporting Our Members

**Come hear Carter Morgan's band, The Nombres**, on Saturday, June 29, at El Capitan Canyon. They will play from 7:00-9:00. This site is a beautiful outdoor setting in which to enjoy live music. Bring beach chairs and a blanket to picnic on the grass or buy the BBQ dinner. For more information, check out the El Capitan website: <http://www.elcapitancañon.com/>

**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.

## Room Rental Needed

**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.