

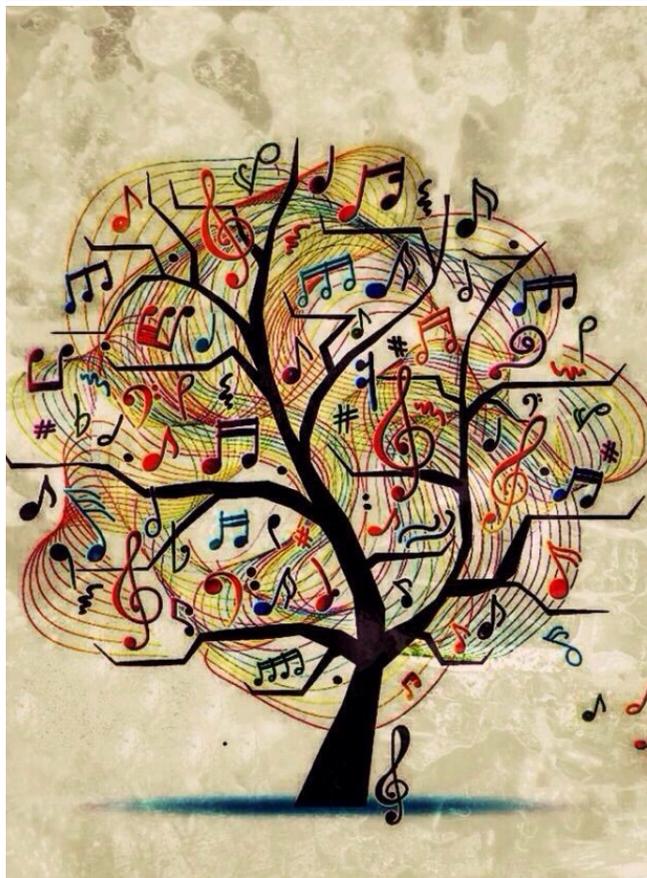
The Acorn

June 29, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:00-12:00
&
4th Sunday of
each month



How Can I Keep From Singing

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki, John Douglas, and the Live Oak Choir

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

(Note: this is Rev. Tamara's last Sunday with us before she leaves for a month-long sabbatical.)

Sunday July 1

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

Monday July 2

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday July 3

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

Wednesday July 4

6:00 P.M. Adama (S)

Thursday July 5

No Scheduled Events

Friday July 6

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

Saturday July 7

No Scheduled Event

Sunday July 8

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

July 8: *Spiritual Perspectives on Living Through a Disaster* Steve Jacobsen
Steve Jacobsen is a Presbyterian pastor, former Executive Director at Hospice of Santa Barbara, and was the Director at La Casa de Maria during the disaster of December and January which destroyed much of this beloved community.

July 15: *Opening Our Hearts With Social Justice*

The Social Justice Ministry invites you to share in some of the stories, challenges, and joys we face as we seek to live out our Unitarian Universalist values.

July 22: *No Time for a Casual Faith* Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

We will watch Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President, the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, preaching at General Assembly's Sunday morning service. She reflects on her first year as UUA President, and her experience going to Charlottesville in 2017 to face white supremacist violence.

July 29: *Once Upon a Time - Again* Michael Eselun

Popular guest speaker and UCLA Oncology Chaplain, Michael Eselun will explore the meaning and hidden gifts that may lie in our stories, just waiting to be told again

Children's Religious Exploration News

Religious Exploration officially wishes everyone at Live Oak a very Happy Solstice as we start to move our orientation to the sun toward that restful place until Winter. Hopefully everyone who wanted to go to see the Solstice Parade gyrate up State Street with some of your favorite congregants in full celebration!!

This week in RE, Steven and Krystal will again be facilitating "Blessing Rocks" to give energy to our outdoor space and give our RE kids some sense of belonging to that space. This week we will be painting actual river rocks with affirmations. We are giving energy to that space in anticipation of it's service to the kids of Live Oak and the congregation. May it be so.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteering in Religious Exploration is really pretty fun and meaningful. We are The Village and we take it seriously so this generation can grow up in a welcoming world. Consider these options if you are pondering how to help in RE at Live Oak.... Teaching and/or assisting. Be in the class with these young whippersnappers, get to know them, they are very cool people and pretty wise....or something with clear results...be on a committee to bring that Outdoor Space to it's full realized glory! Or.. host Game Night or an activity!! Lead a trip to the beach or a hike, or we can plan a bowling trip, or WOW what if a group went to Jalama for a beach overnight! Summer is great for all of these things.

GAME NIGHT IN JULY: This month's RE Intergenerational Game Night will be held on the second Friday in July, which is July 13. Our hosts will be Gloria Liggett and Jeri Moulder. Time: 6:30 and bring snacks to share if you are so inclined.

Children's Religious Exploration News Cont.

CAMP DE BENNEVILLE PINES RETREAT: Our congregational retreat to the beautiful Camp de Benneville Pines is Fri-Sun Sept 28-30. Check it out <https://cvuuf.org/events/fall-camp-debenneville-retreat-2018/>. Camp de Benneville Pines is a UU retreat center in the San Bernardino mountains that offers summer camps for kids, youth and families. Check out the camp calendar at <https://cvuuf.org/events/fall-camp-debenneville-retreat-2018/>

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June."

-L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of the Island*

A Message From Rev. Tamara

Dear ones,

Most of you know that I will be away on sabbatical leave from July 2- August 1.

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 four 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 or phone calls. The designated people to contact me in case of a congregational emergency are Ron Kronenberg, Board Chair; Clacey Kahn, Administrator; or the Pastoral Care contacts below.

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 assistance please contact the people designated below:

- * 7/2-8: Ken Solter
- * 7/9-15: Jeanne Northsinger
- * 7/16-22: Colleen Poulsen
- * 7/23-8/1: Wilma Seelye

I wish you all a very restful July and look forward to seeing you upon my return!

With love and gratitude,

Rev. Tamara

Joys & Sorrows

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

- * Kristin Ingalls: Joy in spending time with Peter Haslund, who is doing well despite still grieving for Rev. Bets. She shared a dream that Bets gave her some coins in a purse that were not money, but treasures perhaps representing what Bets gave to the Live Oak community for so many years. After telling Peter of her dream, she received in the mail a coin purse that Peter had found while cleaning out Bets's belongings.
- * James Driscoll: Wished everyone the joy of a Happy Solstice.
- * Helen Gordon: Shared the joy of her newest great grandchild, who joins his 3 sisters. After sending a beach towel as a gift for him and his sisters, she then thought of the other nine great grandchildren and sent a beach towel to each of them.
- * Lisl Auf der Heide: Shared her sorrow with what is going on in the country with regard to immigrants. She recalled that she was an immigrant and made a good life here. Her daughter and her husband decided to drive to the border to see what they could do as volunteers, but found that there was nothing set up for volunteers. Lisl is proud that her daughter, and her husband, have her values, and asks that we send energy and love.
- * Gail Boehme: Shared that she and a few other Live Oakers (including Rev. Tamara) attended the funeral service for Betty O'Malley's husband Patrick. Betty's extended family were there to support her. As some Live Oakers do not have large families for support, Gail appreciates that we at Live Oak are one another's support.
- * Priscilla Marchus: Shared that her sweet little kitty died peacefully Sunday morning in bed with her. It is the most recent of a string of deaths in her life recently.

Head Start Donations

The Head Start folks wish to convey their continued appreciation of Live Oak's Sunday food donations. Their only other source is the Food Bank.

these items are especially desired:

cereal

rice

cans of tuna fish

peanut butter & jelly or jam

spaghetti sauce

pasta (all except lasagna)

beans (all except black beans)

They cannot accept expired foods.

Thanks for your support



Friday Night Movies



JULY 6TH - THE GREATEST SHOWMAN 7:00 P.M.

Discussion to follow

Inspired by the imagination of P.T. Barnum, this is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Fun fact: P.T. Barnum was a Universalist. PG

https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/the_greatest_showman_2017

JULY 13 - NO FILM - RE GAME NIGHT



JULY 20 - BLACK PANTHER 7:00 P.M.

Discussion to follow

Follows T'Challa who, after the events of "Captain America: Civil War," returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation of Wakanda to take his place as King. His mettle as King is tested when he is drawn into a conflict that puts the entire fate of Wakanda and the world at risk. PG-13

https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/black_panther_2018/



JULY 27 - PADDINGTON 2 7:00 P.M.

Discussion to follow

In this lovable sequel to the 2014 family film, Paddington Bear tries to earn enough money to buy an antique book for his aunt's 100th birthday, but his quest brings him into conflict with an unscrupulous actor who also wants the tome. PG

https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/paddington_2



AUGUST 3 - THEIR FINEST 7:00 P.M.

Discussion to follow

The year is 1940, London. With the nation bowed down by war, the British ministry turns to films to boost morale at home. Carried along by a winning performance from Gemma Arterton, this movie smoothly combines comedy and wartime drama to crowd-pleasing effect. R

https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/their_finest_2017

Social Justice News

Join us at the Rally Saturday at 11 at De La Guerra Plaza to emphasize returning the children and humane treatment of all immigrants!



Join us at the Live Oak Film Series on Friday, July 20 at 7 to watch “Black Panther” with a short discussion after.

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.)

Community Activities

June 30: Saturday at 11 am – Return the Children and Families Separation Protest at De La Guerra Plaza

July 1: Poetic Justice Project (formerly incarcerated people) will perform “Crossing the Line,” 2pm at First Congregational Church, \$15 at the door

July 22: Social Justice worship service at Live Oak

August 25: Pride Festival and Love.Period

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values Action: IMMIGRATION

Separating Families supposedly has Stopped! Now Inhumane treatment must stop. Children who have been separated in the last few months must be returned to their families! People truly seeking asylum must be helped, as International Law indicates. We must be aware of what is being done in the name of our country, and let the White House and our Congress people know when we find these actions untenable!

Use this link to send a message to the White House through our UU Service Committee:
<https://www.uusc.org/end-family-separation/>

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Social Justice News Continued

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Do you need free transportation?

If you have CENCAL insurance, a branch of Medical, free transportation is available. The transportation hub number is 855-659-4600. 48 hours' notice is required to schedule a ride. Additional services are available at 877-814-1861. Hopefully this information will help you or someone you know.

-Wilma Seelye, Pastoral Care Associates, Chair

Afternoon Book Group

Monday, July 2nd, 2PM in the cottage at Live Oak, we will discuss *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse. Guests are welcome.

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

Happy Birthday to friends and members celebrating upcoming birthdays !



Paul Murray 7/1, Jan Ross 7/3, Subhana Bonner 7/9,
Eric Schug 7/14, Susan Jackson 7/16, Tom Boehme 7/18,
Gail Boehme 7/21, Peter Kuhn 7/23,
Jane Gray 7/29, Sue Smiley 7/29

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