

The Acorn

June 8, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

IMPORTANT DATES

Path to Membership

This Saturday,
June 9
9:30 A.M.

Annual Meeting

This Sunday,
June 10
12:00 P.M.

Expanded Council of Chairs

Wednesday,
June 13
6:00 P.M.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting June 18

Monday-Friday
8:00-12:00

&

4th Sunday of
each month



Artist: Renae Schoeffel

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."

Sunday June 10

8:45 A.M. OWL Pancake Breakfast (FH)
10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Souper Sunday
12:00 P.M. Annual Mtg. (S)

Monday June 11

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday June 12

3:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry
6:00 P.M. Worship Ministry
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday June 13

6:00 P.M. Expanded Council of Chairs (FH)

Thursday June 14

10:00 A.M. UU Ministers Meeting (S)

Friday June 15

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

Saturday June 16

No Scheduled Events

Sunday June 17

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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Upcoming Sermons

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.

Children's Religious Exploration News

TO THIS AMAZING CONGREGATION: Religious Exploration is grateful for your presence last Sunday for our annual RE Sunday service. I know our kids felt your support and love, and it looked like everyone was having a great time. Thank you for seeing US.

If you were involved in OWL 4-6, see the caption below this one, and if you have not RSVP'd please do so and thank you for that.

We are now officially moving into summer. We are adopting "Sunday FUUnday" for our summer theme. By the time you read this, school will be out in all public schools in town. We will spend our first Sunday of summer in the outdoor space and planning two activities, a water balloon toss and cornhole. If you want to do the water balloon toss, you might want to wear something you are not afraid to get wet.

BTW, I am still looking for folks to be in RE for the summer. It's pretty casual and fun in the summer. Please consider joining us in RE for Sunday FUUnday!!

OWL-HONORING/BREAKFAST: Reminder: Our OWL Breakfast will be at 8:45 this Sunday!

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.

NEEDING VOLUNTEERS IN RE THIS SUMMER: Please contact Steven if you would be willing to volunteer in RE during summer at dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org. Thank you so much!

QUICK FYI- Last Sunday I forgot to thank Trader Joe's and Peabody Charter School for their contributions to RE. XOXO

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." -Winston Churchill

Come Enjoy the Final Souper Sunday of the Year!

A BIG thanks goes out to the Live Oak Youth Group, with very generous assistance from Jim Pearson and Melanie Jacobson, for hosting Souper Sunday in May. We really appreciate the effort and enthusiasm of our youth and leaders! **Our next luncheon is set for this Sunday, June 10**, and will be hosted by the Men's Connection. Mark your calendar now, and plan to join us this coming Sunday for sustenance and socializing before our Annual Meeting.

These luncheons continue to be a great way to build community while also supporting Live Oak's fundraising budget. Thank you so much for your continued support of this program, and of the hosting groups, by joining us each month. We have raised between \$1500 and \$2000 this year while enjoying delicious food and one another's company.

Live Oak Mini-Auction!

In conjunction with our Congregational Meeting to be held this 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 HOUSE** 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, 310-562-1704; Kristin Otte at okko@cox.net, 805-683-4390; or Jeri Moulder at jerimoulder@gmail.com, 805-966-6461.

Board of Trustees 2018-19 Nominee Bios

Mary Ann Kaestner

I was born and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I lived in Madison, WI; Salem, OR; and, Palm Springs, CA for most of my life. In July of 2016, I moved to Santa Barbara after a stroke caused me to lose partial eyesight. I wanted to be close to my eldest son, his wife, and three granddaughters. I have two other sons and three more grandchildren.

I worked for twenty years as a counselor for the Salem Oregon School District, before retiring in 1990.

Traveling occupied many of my retirement years; but, I now find my life is more sedentary. Reading fills much of that time. Currently, I attend the Braille Institute here in Santa Barbara where I enjoy the swimming and golf classes.

I became a Unitarian, officially, in 1986. I worked on the building of the new Salem church. When I moved to Palm Springs, I became active in the UU Church of The Desert in Palm Desert.

I chose Live Oak because it was the most welcoming church I have ever entered. I am so happy to be one of you.

Gil Green

I'm seventy-seven years old, a retired (ten years) psychiatrist, who lived and practiced in San Diego for forty-three years, before moving to Goleta, where my oldest daughter and three grandchildren live. My youngest daughter lives in Portland. My wife of fifty-four years, Diane, and I are originally from Buffalo, N. Y. I graduated from the University of Michigan, and University of Buffalo Medical School. Since married, neither Diane or I have belonged to any congregation. I'm looking forward to serving on the Board of Live Oak, and hopeful of being able to contribute whatever I can. Respectfully, Gil Green

Joys & Sorrows



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

- * Paul Murray: Shares his sorrow upon the death of his sister Elena Murray de Parodi who died May 26, 2018 in Tequisquiapan, Mexico. She was a translator from Spanish to English, had traveled to Europe extensively and was well known in her town. He wishes her a good passing and a good journey.

Expanded Council of Chairs Meeting

This is a reminder that we will hold an expanded Council of Chairs meeting led by the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, June 13th from 6pm to 8:30pm. There will be an opportunity during this meeting for each ministry or team to provide a brief oral report on your Ministry Assessment. A summary of Ministry Assessment was distributed last month.

Getting to Know UU

Attention Newcomers: After the service on June 24 (**Note** this is a change from our usual every 3rd Sun.), from 11:30-12:00 in the Cottage (next to the patio), the Membership Ministry will be holding a brief orientation and information session called "Getting to Know UU". This time will help answer some of your questions about Unitarian Universalism, other programs Live Oak has to offer and connect you with a few others. Please come so we can start getting to know you!

Let Priscilla Marchus know if childcare will be needed (pmarchus1@cox.net). We also invite you to get a "welcome bag," nametag, and have questions answered by the Welcome Table Host, and fill out an information card so we can contact you with future newcomer events and our weekly Acorn announcements.

Half Basket Thanks



Thank you for your generous contribution of \$411.50 to Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund. Through your support, you are helping to lead the fight to end gun violence. Your gift will help us educate the public about gun violence, both its causes and--more critically--its solutions. We work to change the culture and conversation around guns, building overwhelming support for common-sense public safety measures that save lives. Thanks you again for your continued support.

John Feinblatt, President
Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund

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 - Gil Green

Social Justice News

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.)

Song Tree by Tom and Debra Lee, with jazz musician Luis Munoz June 23 at 7:30! Live Oak Social Justice Ministry is sponsoring this and it will benefit the National Mental Health Alliance (NAMI).

June 27: Social Justice Ministry of Live Oak meeting 4:30-6:30, Cottage Everyone is welcome!



Summer Movie Nights at Live Oak! Coming in July, stayed tuned for more information.

July 22: Social Justice worship service at Live Oak

Community Activities

June 11:Pflag Meeting, 7-8:30 pm at First Methodist Church, Discussion of LGBTQ & Latino Identities

June 14, Thursday: SB Progressive Coalition: 6-7:30 pm at SB Red Cross (2707 State St)

June 22: Pilgrimage to Peace at Trinity Episcopal, 7-9, Speakers from Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) – Maha Mehanna – from Gaza (from “The Other Voice,” Lisa Loden – a Messianic Jew from Jerusalem. Find out how people of faith can play a positive role in pursuing peace.

July 11: Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance, 11:30- 1pm at First Methodist Church

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.

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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**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

Social Justice News Continued

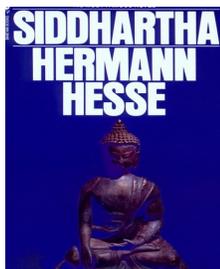
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A Goleta Vacation?

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.

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.

Supporting Our Members

Saturday, June 9, 6:00 - 9:00 - Carter Morgan's band The Nombres will be playing at Cold Spring Tavern. It's always a blast at the Tavern, and they would love to see you there.

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