

The Acorn

August 24, 2018

This Week's Meetings and Events

OFFICE HOURS

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

SAVE THE DATE

September 9
Live Oak Annual
Picnic and
Sunday service at
Stow Grove Park

**Friday,
October 5 & 6**
One Good Egg
**More details on
Pgs. 4 & 5**



Artist: Scott Prior

Summer Chat with Rev. Tamara

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki
with Al Ronyecz

A *Summer Chat* with our minister, Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki, is back this year by popular demand. Once again, questions will be selected and the conversation moderated by Al Ronyecz.

Sunday August 26

Admin on Site

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

Monday August 27

Live Oak Office Closed

7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

Tuesday August 28

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday August 29

1:30 P.M. Coordinating
Team Meeting
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)
7:00 P.M. Good Relations

Thursday August 30

No Scheduled Events

Friday August 31

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

Saturday September 1

8:30 A.M. Farmhouse Deck
Work Party

Sunday September 2

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Coming of Age
Orientation

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

September 2: *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.

September 9 at 10:15: *Water Communion at Stow Grove Park* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Come join together for our annual multigenerational "homecoming" water service. **You are invited to bring a small amount of water from an event or location which was significant to you this summer to share in our water communion.**

Please note that we are gathering for both our service and our annual picnic at Stow Grove Park. Our site is accessible for those with rolling assistance equipment.

There may be limited shade so prepare for a bit of sun and fun. After service we will have some time for fellowship, games, and enjoying the park before lunch is served at noon.

Children's Religious Exploration-August

THIS WEEK IN RE

This Sunday once again, we will explore creating self portraits in RE through collage. Kids are welcome to bring pictures, cards, drawings, fabrics, photos, or anything that they might want to include on an art piece that represents WHO WE ARE. We will also have magazines, and all the supplies needed to complete this. I am hoping this year to take on the idea (age appropriately) of self knowledge, or self information.

RE Dates to Note:

- **Sunday, September 2: Coming of Age Orientation** 11:30-12:30 in the Cottage
- **Sunday, September 9: Congregational Picnic and Service @ Stow Grove Park** 10:15
- **Thursday, September 13: RE Volunteer Meeting** 6:00-7:00 in the cottage
- **Sunday, September 16: Religious Exploration begins new year**
- **Friday, September 28 & Sunday, Sept 30: Camp deBenneville Pines UU Congregational Retreat**

RE VOLUNTEERING

I am still looking for volunteers in Religious Exploration. What would I do, you might ask. Well there are a few things I can think of... let me see...

- Teach or assist class on Sunday morning. Deepen your experience and your faith by being with our young people, our future. It's very meaningful.
- Help in the RE Outdoor Space. Michael is there working on it Mondays and Thursdays

Children's Religious Exploration-August continued

from 10:00-2:00. You can reach him at michael.wittman@verizon.net or call/text at 807 570 0886. Thank you.

- Host Intergenerational Game Night, done on Second Friday nights at 6:30, usually goes to around 9:00.
- Help with design of documents, flyers, and other RE material.

"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children"
-Native American proverb

Sangha

A Special Tea Ceremony



LO Sangha invites anyone who is interested to come next Tuesday, August 28, from 7 to 9pm to enjoy a special tea ceremony demonstration by Dr. Tara Cummings, who is Ron Kronenberg's daughter. She describes the ceremony: In Japanese tea ceremonies, the principles of harmony, respect, purity, and tranquility are used as foundations for inner focus. Dr. Cummings carefully guides groups through the simple act of brewing tea while integrating these four principles.

An essential ingredient of Japanese tea ceremonies is the relationship between host and guest. We can use this relationship as a metaphor for life; just being a host or solely a guest is not harmonious. Through the ritual of a tea ceremony, we learn to be comfortable with both giving and receiving, and we learn responsibility and attain sheer joy in implementing these simple acts that have spanned centuries.

The ceremony will be in the LO sanctuary. For more information call Jan Ross, (805) 570-3133.

Farmhouse Deck Work Party!



Join Michael Wittman and other Live Oakers on Saturday, September 1st and Monday, September 3rd at 8:30 A.M. to help with the much needed renovation of the Farmhouse deck! Bring power tool if you have them. Drills are especially needed during demolition. See you there!

Live Oak Annual Picnic



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SEPT. 9

****DON'T MISS OUT - PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS THIS SUNDAY. MUST PREPAY!****

Stow Grove Park, Area #1
 Sunday, September 9th
 After Service at the park



TICKETS - \$10/Adults
 \$6/Children



Complete Taco Lunch
 catered by Big Joe's Tacos
 Tacos: Carne Asada,
 Adobada (pulled pork),
 Chicken & Chorizo
 Grilled vegetables
 Rice & Beans

Tickets presold following services through August

Drinks & dessert included

Contact Diane Green, FUUn Team for additional information or tickets

****Sunday Service will be held at Stow Grove Park at 10:15 with the picnic following!****

Book Group

Monday, September 10th, 2PM in the cottage at Live Oak, we will discuss *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven. Guests are welcome.

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

Camp de Benneville Pines

"The mountains are calling - And I must go!"
-John Muir

Susurrus—it's a word meaning a soft whispering or rustling sound. It's the sound of the gentle breeze passing through the pine needles in stories-tall trees. It's the word that comes to mind when I think of Camp de Benneville Pines.

I walk through the camp grounds, listening to the gentle whispering of trees, and smile; I am at church. Reminders of my UU faith are all around. From the names of the cabins, to the chalice embossed next to the steps outside the lodge.

My son comes here for the archery and the swimming. He climbs over fallen logs, scampers down trails he has known since he was a toddler. I watch him, loving how this place belongs to him. He is a UU, and there is a special place in the mountains for him. Me, I'm here to commune.

September 28-30 we are invited to join a few other congregations for a Cluster Retreat to Camp de Benneville Pines. It's cabins with running water, and real beds—bring your own bedding! We eat together at the lodge, breakfast, lunch and dinner. There's canoeing on Jenks Lake, hikes—both short and long, and plenty of time to sit and relax.



Interested? Check out the flyer:

<https://cvuuf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2018-deBenneville-Retreat-Flier.pdf>

Ready to sign up?
Registration form:
<http://bit.ly/ClusterReg>

Questions:
krystal.mccauley@sa.ucsb.edu
805-338-1452

One Good Egg

Friday Oct. 5 and Saturday Oct. 6



Save the date and BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW for this special event sponsored by our Membership Ministry! And don't forget to invite your friends! For audiences 18+.

What do eggs, Wendy's baked potatoes, kale, Mr. T., Crush the turtle, Uma Thurman, infertility, ayahuasca and frozen dog testicles have in common? Come to ONE GOOD EGG, a story of one woman's resilience through the absurdities of loss and the twists and turns of life, and find out!

ONE GOOD EGG is a scavenger hunt through my crazy, beautiful life. Please come join us for an adult bedtime storytelling hour. Wear your pajamas, loungewear or something comfortable.

For details, to "meet" our talented performer, and to purchase tickets, please visit

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3565434>.

<https://youtu.be/B84SdbpA6x4>

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the local nonprofit, Santa Barbara Dance Tribe.

Social Justice News



Love.Period, an interfaith celebration of LGBTQ+ people will happen on **August 25** at the Pride Festival at Chase Palm Park at 1 pm. Live Oak needs people to help staff this table between 11 am and 7 pm. Please contact Jan Ross if you can help with this (jandjross@cox.net; 805-570-3133).



A Global Call to Action from California! Are you concerned about the changes in our climate and how this affects all people on our globe? **San Francisco Rise March for Climate, Jobs and Justice** is being planned for Sept 8.

Are you an artist? Submit your art for the March for Climate, Jobs and Justice!
<https://riseforclimateart.tumblr.com/#submit-trigger>

Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco Sept 12-14.

September 26: LO Social Justice Ministry Meeting at 4:30-6:30. Everyone is welcome!

Community Activities

August 25: Pride Festival and Love.Period, Chase Palm Park

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

Let Senators know your feelings about Judge Kavanaugh: From Daily Kos: There is no universe where it should be acceptable for a president embroiled in a **criminal** investigation, one that is inching closer and closer to his doorstep by the minute, to have the privilege of nominating a Supreme Court nominee to a lifetime appointment. Even worse, a judge who may very well end up presiding over Donald Trump's own cases before the court. ABSOLUTELY NOT. This should be a red line for not just Democrats, but all senators. This is about law and order. This is about the very foundation of American justice.

No Fracking in Santa Barbara County: The Trump Administration has declared [open season for drillers to pollute 1.6 million acres of CA's public lands](#). In a [notice of intent](#) published on the Federal Register Wednesday, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) said it would prepare an environmental impact statement on the use of fracking on 400,000 acres of public land and 1.2 million acres of mineral estate overseen by BLM in California counties including Fresno, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara. Because fracking uses a high amount of toxic chemicals it is particularly dangerous for places like Santa Barbara with shallow groundwater depths.

Email: blm_ca_bkfo_oil_gas_update@blm.gov directly to the Federal Register before September 7.

Mail: Bakersfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Bakersfield RMP

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Congregation**

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Social Justice News Continued

Hydraulic Fracturing Analysis, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308

Sample Written Script: I strongly oppose the BLM's plans to open 400,000 acres of public land and 1.2 million acres of mineral estate overseen by the BLM to fracking. Hundreds of fracking chemicals are known to be toxic to humans and wildlife, and several are known to cause cancer, according to several peer-reviewed studies by scientists and state regulators. A 2015 report from the [California Council on Science and Technology](#) highlighted these risks.

National forests, monuments and wildlife refuges and preserves harbor sensitive ecosystems and wildlife, protect important watersheds, and are places of recreation. They deserve closer scrutiny to evaluate if fracking is appropriate in these areas. I urge the agency to restrict oil and gas development that impacts public lands and conduct a thorough review of fracking and its impacts on water, air, wildlife, and recreation.

Immigration: Keep the pressure on this administration to treat families humanely!

Our Members of Congress

* 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
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* Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24th district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site



Happy Birthday to friends and members celebrating August birthdays !

Lyn Levine 8/1, Jasmine Bailey 8/3, Liz Caccese 8/3, Ken Solter 8/9, Fermina Murray 8/10,
Mary Johnson 8/12, Mary Dochterman 8/15, Holly Cook 8/18, Christina Cabeen 8/20,
Janet Mocker 8/20, Barbara Hodgdon 8/22, Debbie Mackie 8/26,
Alexandra Williams 8/27

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