

The Acorn

OFFICE HOURS

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

SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday,
September 30**
Live Oak Ministry
Fair

**Friday,
October 5 & 6**
One Good Egg

**Saturday,
October 13**
9:00 A.M.
Congregational
Mission/Vision
Workshop. All are
welcome!

**Wednesday,
October 17**
7:00 P.M.
Council of Chairs

**Saturday,
October 27**
9:30 A.M.
Path to
Membership

September 14, 2018



To Begin Again in Love

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

We renew a covenant of love when we choose the path of forgiveness. In the midst of Jewish High Holy Days, let us explore our Unitarian Universalist spiritual practices of right relationship and forgiveness and how we can learn to walk this path with wholeness and compassion.

This Week's Events and Meetings

Sunday September 16

10:15 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Getting to
Know UU (C)

Monday September 17

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday September 18

1:30 P.M. Staff Mtg.
6:00 P.M. Board Mtg. (FH)
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday September 19

9:00 A.M. Coordinating
Team Mtg.
6:00 P.M. Adama (S)
7:00 P.M. Men's
Connection (C)

Thursday September 20

7:00 P.M. Choir

Friday September 21

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

Saturday September 22

10:00 A.M. Guided Moving
Meditation Ceremony

Sunday September 23

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Town Hall Mtg.

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

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

Upcoming Sermons

September 23: *Intentional Imagination* Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

How do we articulate a vision of a more perfect future in this difficult time? Part of the answer may lie in our ability to dream, to vision, to imagine. We need these visions and perspectives to help us persevere and to hold on to a vision of the common good, the beloved community. Come imagine with us today.

September 30: *Creating Calm Within the Chaos* Terra Trevor

Children's Religious Exploration

WELCOME ONE AND ALL....Sunday September 16 is day one for the new Religious Exploration year. This year, look forward to two things that are different. One, our teens will be working on Coming of Age, starting this week with Steven and Mary with a welcoming week to formalize this process. Truly, the first day of the rest of our lives. Our younger RE kids will begin our year with the theme of VISION that will take us through September. This week with Krystal and Jane, it will be a more theatrical week. Both groupings will also be thinking about the covenant for the year. WELCOME ONE AND ALL....

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION DATES:

- **Friday, September 14: Game Night** 6:30 in Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, September 16: Religious Exploration begins new year!**
- **Friday, September 28-Sunday, September 30: Camp de Benneville 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 Thursday 10:00-2:00. You can reach him at michael.wittman@verizon.net or call/text at (805) 570-0886. Thank you.
- Host Intergenerational Game Night, done on Second Friday nights at 6:30 to 9:00.
- Help with design of documents, flyers, and other RE material. We need a new brochure....

GAME NIGHT SEPT 14 @ 6:30

Come join Gloria and Jeri for our first Intergenerational Game Night of the new school year! It starts at 6:30, and feel free to bring a friend(s) and if you are so called, something to share. Game Nights will be held on the Second Friday night of each month. It's sure a LOT of fun, so join us!! If you miss it this month, our next Game Night will be Oct. 12 @ 6:30.

"I don't think people change. I think they definitely mature. But I think the essence of what I am today is the same as when I was five years old. It's just maturity. I've become a healthier, fuller expression of that essence." -Ricky Williams

Getting To Know UU

Attention Newcomers: After the service this Sun, Sept. 16, (and 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

Our half-basket donation this week will support Goleta Headstart, our local publicly sponsored preschool designed to give children a headstart in their education and to inform and support their families in getting the best for their children. We help by donating nutritious food for those families who need it.

More about the group can be found on their website at

<http://www.cacsb.org/low-income-assistance/preschool-services/>

Guided Moving Meditation

Live Oak Outdoor Sanctuary
10 - 11AM
Saturday, September 22nd

This sacred dance shows how to share energies with the seven directions for the healing of all things in The Universe. The meditation combines breathing, creative visualization, and movement similar to Tai Chi.

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.

Sermon Writing Workshop

Back by popular demand: Live Oak Sermon Writing Workshop!

Led by Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Wednesdays: October 10, October 24 and November 7 (3 sessions)

6:30-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

One of the hearts of our shared ministry is our Sunday worship service, many times with a sermon as its centerpiece. Perhaps you may have wondered what goes into crafting a sermon or even if you might have a sermon or two inside of you? This workshop is for everyone who has ever wanted to explore the art of creating a meaningful, thoughtful, and potentially transformative sermon. In the past year you have enjoyed the sermons created by some of the "graduates" of this workshop at Live Oak.

Starting on Wednesday, October 10, Rev. Tamara will again be facilitating a series of workshop sessions on sermon writing and service crafting. We will be writing, reading, and reflecting together - exploring what it means to create and deliver the heart of the Sunday morning worship experience. We will also examine the sermon in the context of the entire worship service, exploring how music, readings and other service elements all contribute to support the theme and message of the sermon. You are invited to come join us!

Advance registration is required, attendance at all three workshops is strongly encouraged, and workshop size is limited.

Sign up by contacting Clacey Kahn, our Administrator. Registration closes on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Live Oak Auction



**LIVE OAK U.U. CONGREGATION
PRESENTS:**

Auction and Entertainment

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018 4-8 pm

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT

Come early: Silent auction starts at 4 pm .

Dress up in costumes: America throughout the ages.
Be creative, it is all for fun.

Invite your friends: Tickets are only \$5 per person, which covers food and nonalcoholic drinks. **With each ticket you purchase get a free ticket for a friend/not a Live Oak member.**

Special Auctioneers: Alexandra Williams and Jim Ross.
Childcare provided on request.

Marie Arnold, coordinator marie.arnold@verizon.net



Social Justice News

Warming Centers will be opening in November! Live Oak feeds homeless people at the IV Warming Center any Thursday night from 11/1/18-3/31/19 when the temperature dips below 35 or it is raining. We make a main dish, salad, dessert, and serve dinner. This year there is also a need for people to make food for other nights as some other communities have lost some of their cooks. Join our team! Contact Jan Ross (jandjross@cox.net, 570-3133.)

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

Community Activities

- **September 25: League of Women Voters Community Forum** - Ballot measures - what the league recommends and why, 6-8 pm Faulkner Gallery at SB Public Library
- **September 27: SURJ** presents Presentation by Prison Reform Activist and Author Donna Hylton, 6:30-8:30 pm, place to be announced
- **October 13: SB Community Clean Up Day** 9am
<https://www.facebook.com/events/232989890744144/>

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action

Barbara Kuhn reminds us: Here's an easy "To Do" between now and November. Remind your friends, neighbors, family to register to VOTE or to check to make sure they're still registered. Tell the young people in your lives to do the same, and likewise to check with their friends. Do they have proper I.D if they are asked? IN COMMUNITY DEMOCRACY THRIVES! Please Share

IMMIGRATION

The Trump administration has announced it is seeking to jail migrant children with their families indefinitely. Detaining children for more than 20 days is illegal, but the administration says it will terminate the Flores Settlement Agreement that has governed the detention of migrant children since 1997, claiming it would issue new regulations that "satisfy the basic purpose" of the Flores settlement. We have 60 days to register our [comments here](#).

Sample Written Script: I strongly protest the Trump Administration's plans to terminate the Flores Settlement Agreement. It typically takes several weeks for asylum seekers to pass a credible fear screening, and they can be detained even after passing such a screening — meaning that the new regulation being proposed by the Administration would ultimately result in families being held for months or possibly even years. The proposed regulations would also allow for the detention of families in facilities that have not been formally approved for licenses, thus reducing standards for care of children and families in immigration detention. This proposed change imposes unconscionable hardships on all immigrant children and families seeking asylum; people who have committed no crimes and who only seek protection in the United States. It is a grotesque abuse of human rights.

There are still many children incarcerated, both those separated from their families earlier

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Social Justice News Continued

and incoming unaccompanied children crossing the border. From the NY Times 9/12, "Even though hundreds of children separated from their families at the border have been released, the overall number of **detained migrant children** has exploded to the highest ever recorded. *The New York Times*" **Keep the pressure on this administration to reunite families!**

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 senator@harris.senate.gov.
- * Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24th district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site

Afternoon Book Group

Monday, October 1st, 2PM in the cottage at Live Oak, we will discuss *Cooking for Picasso* by Camille Aubray. Guests are welcome.

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

Supporting Our Members

Marie Arnold will be participating at the Annual Festival of Art at the Stow House Saturday Sept. 22 from 11-5. It is organized by the Goleta Valley Art Association. Hope to see you there for a fun day of art, music and good friends. It is FREE to come and look.



Happy Birthday to friends and members celebrating September birthdays !

Helen Gordon 9/7, Sandra Martin 9/11, Elizabeth Teare 9/11, Sue Belanger 9/12
Melanie Jacobson 9/20, Ron Kronenberg 9/20, Ellen Hamilton 9/21,
Mary Ann Kaestner 9/22, Jonathan Young 9/29

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