

# The Acorn

September 7, 2018

This Week's Events and Meetings

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## SAVE THE DATE

**This Sunday!**  
Live Oak Annual  
Picnic and  
Sunday service at  
Stow Grove Park  
**Friday,  
October 5 & 6**  
One Good Egg



## 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.

## Sunday September 9

10:15 A.M. Worship

## Monday September 10

2:00 P.M. Book Group (C)

## Tuesday September 11

1:00 P.M. Good Relations Ministry

3:30 P.M. Committee on Ministry (C)

6:30 P.M. Worship Ministry

7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

## Wednesday September 12

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting

4:00 P.M. Multi-Faith Service of Wondering and Commitment (S)

6:00 P.M. RE Teacher Training

## Thursday September 13

6:00 RE Teacher Training

7:00 P.M. Choir Potluck

## Friday September 14

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

## Saturday September 15

Worship Retreat (offsite)

## Sunday September 16

10:00 A.M. Worship

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

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

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## Upcoming Sermons

**September 16: 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.

**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

This week, we will meet at Stow Grove Park for our annual Intergenerational Water Ceremony AND Congregational Picnic. What a lovely day! See you there.

Sunday September 16th is the kickoff for the new Religious Exploration year. The first Coming of Age curriculum,...for the remainder of this month, will be talking, working, drawing and singing on the theme "VISION". AND of course to the parents, I will send you 18/19 RE Registration forms via email, so please print, fill out, and bring in on Sept 16, much appreciated! And VOLUNTEER!! We seriously need you!!

### IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION DATES:

- **Sunday, September 9: Congregational Picnic and Service @ Stow Grove Park**
- **Wednesday, September 12: RE Volunteer Meeting** 6:15-7:15 in the Cottage  
\*NEW JUST ADDED!!
- **Thursday, September 13: RE Volunteer Meeting** 6:00-7:00 in the Cottage
- **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](mailto:michael.wittman@verizon.net) or call/text at

## Children's Religious Exploration Continued

(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.

### 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.

*Water unites us. All water is one water, shape-shifting as it goes on and on in its unending cycle. The stream we gather by unites us with all the waters of the world, for all of life depends on water.*

*That's why this common, everyday element on which our very lives depend is sacred. In our thankfulness for water, let us remember to honor, cherish, and care for it.. for our own lives, for all life touched by water, and for those who come after us.*

By Mel Hoover, Rose Edington

## Joys & Sorrows

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

- Kendra Wise: Celebrating the joy of her 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- James Driscoll: Joy in preparing for his upcoming wedding to be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Alexandra Williams: Related that it has been four years since her personal "disaster", and she has found that whether it is a personal or community disaster, volunteering allows things to get better. She is also pleased that her sons, Jim and her sister love her.



## 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](mailto:jnorthsinger@gmail.com).

## Live Oak Choir Potluck Dinner

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** ~ particularly those under the misperception that they are not qualified as choir singers. (You are.)

The **LIVE OAK UU CHOIR** invites you . . . yes, YOU and your spouse . . . to a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm Thursday evening September 13 on the patio outside the sanctuary. Choir members will provide the food and drink; you provide the appetite for victuals and song.

We will eat and drink, then watch the video of our July 1 Choir Sunday performances, and then have fun in a session of easy sing-along songs and choir improv. What have you to lose aside from a quiet evening at home? Come on down and join us for the good harmonic vibrations.

After September 13, we will recommence our regular rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 in the sanctuary. Lots of great music coming up this season, and we provide practice tracks to assist you in learning the music with confidence.

Contact John, Aletha or Al, or any choir member for more information, and please RSVP to John.

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- Al Ronyecz, [alronyecz@gmail.com](mailto:alronyecz@gmail.com)

## Earth Centered Group



Guided Moving Meditation Ceremony  
Live Oak Outdoor Sanctuary  
10 - 11AM - Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

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.

## Auction Forms

Live Oak Auction Forms now available!

It's not too early to be thinking about items for our Fall Auction. We are stressing Services and Events and not physical items, unless they are very valuable and could go in our Live Auction. (Aunt Minnie's diamond necklace or a Renoir painting your tired of looking at.)

The forms to submit an item can be found in a folder in the Office Hallway. On the back are suggestions. If you need more forms (only one item per form, please.) Feel free to make your own copies. Only the front side is needed. You can return filled out forms to the same place. There are also half sheet forms that have our tax id # for items from a local business. Please fill out the large form for these and put your name as the contact person. If a business offers you a donation of a thing (ie. a bag of goodies from Trader Joe's) please accept it. We will have a raffle table for a few such items. Please let me know before you approach a business so we can coordinate who goes where. We don't want 10 people descending on the same store.

Any question, please give me a call. Jeri Moulder

## Live Oak Auction



**LIVE OAK U.U. CONGREGATION**  
820 N. Fairview, Goleta 93117

**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](mailto:marie.arnold@verizon.net)



## Social Justice News



Global Climate Action Summit **Multi-Faith Service of Wondering and Commitment** – Live stream at Live Oak for the Santa Barbara area showing at 4 pm on 9/12. Come renew your love of our beautiful earth and our commitment to making climate, jobs and justice all work! Live Oak will host our community for this live stream of the worship service which will open the Summit from the Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco. The Summit will happen from September 12-14.

At the heart of the service will be an invitation for participants and live stream viewers to make commitments to protecting Earth and its inhabitants, ensuring that the day's inspiration will prompt meaningful action by faith bodies and individuals worldwide.

**The service includes** a multi-faith procession; music and spoken word drawn from a variety of faith traditions; and video greetings and words of encouragement from global faith including His Holiness the Dalai Lama (via video) and many other leaders.

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

### Community Activities

- **September 8: Rise March for Climate, Jobs, and Justice in San Francisco**, 10 am
- **September 10: PFLAG Meeting**, at First Methodist Church, 7-8:30pm, <http://www.pflagsantabarbara.org/calendar/>
- **September 13: SB Progressive Coalition meeting**, registering voters, canvassing and phone banking.
- **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
- **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

There are still many separated children. **Keep** the pressure on this administration to reunite families!

**Live Oak Unitarian  
Universalist  
Congregation**

**Live Oak Staff and Office  
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## Social Justice News Continued

### Our Members of Congress

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- \* Kamala Harris- Sacramento 916-448-2787, Washington 202-224-3553  
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- \* Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24<sup>th</sup> district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site

## Supporting Our Members

Carter Morgan's band, The Nombres ([thenombres.com](http://thenombres.com)), will be playing at their favorite haunt, Cold Spring Tavern, this Saturday, September 8, from 6:00-9:00. Come join them for good music, dancing, and a fun time.

## Headstart

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.



### 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.