

The Acorn

April 16, 2021

March & April 2021 Half- Basket Report

3/7/21

Healing Justice SB
\$500.00

3/14/21

BLUU \$200.00

3/21/21

805 Docufund
\$250

4/4/21

Transition House
\$761.50

4/11/21

San Marcos Pre-
serve-Foothills For-
ever \$1110.00
(in addition to our 4/11
collection, several
congregants donated
directly for the San
Marcos Preserve.)

**Thank you all for
your ongoing
generosity**



"Walking Our Talk: Putting Our UU Values into Action Social Justice Ministry

It's been a busy year with Social Justice, adopting an 8th principle, health care for all, protecting our voting rights, working toward reducing our impact on Planet Earth, learning more about racism, and more. We have been active and want to tell you about it.

This Week's Events and Meetings (All Virtual)

Sunday April 18

8:45 A.M. Religious Exploration
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Monday April 19

[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)

Tuesday April 20

[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)
4:00 P.M. Reflections-RE
6:00P.M. Board Meeting

Wednesday April 21

9:00 A.M. Acorn deadline

[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)
5:00 P.M. Mid Week
Meditation

Thursday April 22

[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)
5:00 P.M. RE Council

Friday April 23

[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)
10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers

Saturday April 24

9:30 A.M. Whiteness Wkshp Dis-
cussion

Sunday April 25

8:45 A.M. Religious Exploration
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
11:15 Town Hall Mtg.

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

Artist: Jay Mercado

Worship Service 04.18.21

**Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta
Social Justice Ministry April 18, 2021**

**“Walking Our Talk: Putting Our UU Values into Action”
A/V Support: Eric Schug; Tech Support: Krystal McCauley**

Proposed as our UU 8th principle and adopted by SJM on 3/10/2021:

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.” -Paula Cole Jones and Bruce Pollack-Johnson

Music for Gathering (*begins at 9:50 a.m.*) John Douglas, Music Director

Prelude~ *Get Together* Nansie and John Douglas
words & music: Chet Powers

Welcome Song ~ *Step By Step the Longest March #157*
music: Irish folk song adapted by Waldemar Hille
words: preamble to the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America

Welcome Gloria Liggett, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting Wilma Seelye

Call to Worship Carolyn Chaney

Opening Song ~ *This Land Is Your Land*
words/music: Woody Guthrie

Message for All Ages Gloria Liggett

Singing to the Children~ *This Little Light Of Mine*

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows Gloria Liggett

Worship Service 04.18.21

Meditation

Jan Ross

Congregational Response ~ *People Get Ready*

words/ music: Curtis Mayfield

Responsive Reading ~ *Beatitudes for Justice Builders*

Jan Ross & Wilma Seelye

words by Lindi Ramsden

Homily ~ "Walking our Talk "

Social Justice Ministry

Our Climate in Crisis

Larry Bishop

Protecting Voting Rights with the "For The People Act"

Carolyn Chaney

Musical Interlude~

Carrie Topliffe

Healthcare For All

Nansie Douglas

Racial Justice For Children

Holly Drayton

Musical Response~*We Hold These Truths*

words/music by John Douglas & Carrie Topliffe

Sharing in Stewardship

Gloria Liggett

Closing Song ~ *I Wish I Knew How* #151

words/music: Billy Taylor & Dick Dallas

Benediction

Liz Zok

Extinguishing of the Chalice

Gloria Liggett

Live Oak Sunday Worship
Sunday April 18, 2021

10:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/991200709>

Meeting ID: 991 200 709

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

Find your local number:

<https://zoom.us/j/a3HkXnuGD>

Sung Response ~ *Maybe Change Won't Come Too Late*

Music: Genevan Psalter; words: John E. Douglas

Postlude~*Taking It To The Streets*

Words & Music: Michael McDonald

Nansie & John Douglas

Five-minute break and then all are invited to regather for after-service social hour.

Upcoming Services

“In the Moment”

April 25 **LEA Morris, joined by Rev. Tamara and local UU ministers**

Come join UU Musician LEA Morris as she speaks and sings on the topic of living in the present. She writes: *Not only is there no time like the present. There is no time but the present.* **NOTE: There will be a different link for this service provided in next week's Acorn. Live Oak Town Hall will be immediately following the service using the regular Live Oak Sunday service link.**

Mid-Week Meditation and Sharing continues!

We will continue to meet virtually for our Mid-Week Meditation and Sharing gatherings. Please join us every Wednesday at 5:00. Link is in the Acorn or on the home-page of the Live Oak website.

Join Zoom Meeting—Meeting ID: 592 669 597
<https://zoom.us/j/592669597>

Dial by your location
 +1 253 215 8782 US +1 301 715 8592 US

Witnessing Whiteness Workshop Discussion

Opportunity for discussions facilitated by Rev. Tamara:

We have an amazing and robust number of Live Oakers (over a quarter of our congregation) participating in the *Witnessing Whiteness* workshop series!

Here are two opportunities (Saturdays, April 10 and 24 at 9:30 a.m.) to join virtually with other Live Oakers for an hour or so to further "chew on" any topics, questions, etc. raised in the workshops. There is absolutely no expectation of attendance, just opportunities if you wish to participate.

These discussions are limited to those participating in the workshops, please.

Topic: Witnessing Whiteness Live Oak Discussion

Time: 09:30 AM Pacific Time

Apr 24, 2021 09:30 AM

Join Zoom Discussions:

<https://zoom.us/j/95725322190>

Meeting ID: 957 2532 2190

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,95725322190# US (San Jose)

Live Oak Ministries! BUDGET REQUESTS & ANNUAL REPORTS!!

Dear Live Oak Ministries,

It is that time of the year again to be thinking about your **ANNUAL REPORTS!!** Once you've thought about it, please gather, collect, compose and submit your Ministry's **ANNUAL REPORT** before or on the "drop dead" deadline of **MAY 15, 2021** at noon. Please send to: administrator@liveoakgoleta.org

Also, a reminder that ministries need to submit their request for our upcoming fiscal year. All requests should be sent to our Live Oak Treasurer, Janet Mocker, **by April 30** . Send to: bookkeeper@liveoakgoleta.org Thank you so much!!

Live Oak Membership Ministry Survey

The Membership Ministry will be emailing out a 10-question survey on April 20th to Live Oak members.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few moments and share your thoughts and respond to the online survey.

If you do not receive the email on April 20th, please check your spam and junk mail folders.

If you have any questions, or did not receive the survey, please contact Robb Rice, at the Membership Ministry at liveoaksurvey@gmail.com.

THANKS, Robb Rice

Social Justice Upcoming Activities 04.16.21

MEDICARE FOR ALL ACTIVISTS Rally, Saturday April 17, 2021 @ 1:00-3:00 pm at the Courthouse with masks and Social distancing. Short Rally in front of Arch and then visit offices of Assemblyman Steve Bennett and State Senator Monique Limon which are nearby. More info: call John Douglas (805)284-2082.

UCSB Arts & Lectures Race to Justice Virtual Events (each \$10) Treat yourself to one or more and help our country move toward Racial Justice.

-4/21 Dr. Robert Bullard "The Quest for Environmental and Racial Justice"

-4/30 Bryan Stephenson "American Injustice: Mercy, Humanity and Making a Difference"

-5/4 Heather McGhee "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together"

-5/12 Patrisse Cullors "When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Dialogue"

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Santa Barbara County is now well into its first week of making vaccines available to everyone ages 16 and older. By this Thursday, April 15th, all vaccine providers in the County should be offering vaccine using this guidance. The Public Health Department is providing vaccines in a daily large-scale community vaccination clinic in Santa Barbara this week.

Please remember that for persons aged 16-18, the only vaccine currently approved is the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine. This may reduce the number of locations that can vaccinate people in this age group, as that vaccine has more stringent cold-holding requirements than other vaccine options.

You may have heard that the FDA and CDC recommended that vaccine providers pause their use of the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine (Janssen vaccine) while reports of possible rare blood clots are evaluated. **Please note that these clots are very rare – six have been reported in the entire United States, about one case for every one million doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine administered** -- and at this time appear to have only been reported in women. More information will be shared here as it becomes available.

As the vaccine (and pandemic) situation is changing constantly, this information will be updated weekly in the Acorn.

Who can get the vaccine in Santa Barbara County at this time?

Anyone aged 16 or older

Where can people get the vaccine?

The Public Health Department has a large community vaccination clinic in Santa Barbara this week, ending on Sunday. Appointments are required and can be made on the public health website (see link below). Contact your primary health care provider to see if they are giving the vaccine to their patients.

Local pharmacies also offer vaccination appointments (CVS, Walgreens, RiteAid, **and Costco** offer appointments).

Local hospitals and larger clinics are also offering vaccination appointments

Industry-specific clinics are sometimes arranged through employers for workers in those industries.

Veterans may be eligible to be vaccinated through the VA.

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

How can I make an appointment?

Visit the Public Health Department's vaccine website (<https://publichealthsb.org/vaccine/>) for links to scheduling sites for a wide range of vaccine providers, including area hospitals, special clinics, and pharmacies offering vaccination.

If you are not able to go online or need additional assistance, you can call 2-1-1, select your language preference, then select option 4 to be transferred to an operator who can help you make an appointment

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department releases new appointment slots for vaccines on Monday mornings at 9 a.m.

You can make an appointment for Cottage Hospital's drive-through clinic in Goleta at: <https://asap.pdllabs.com/non-ees/CottageCovidVaccine.aspx>

Lompoc Valley Medical Center is providing vaccinations to residents of the Lompoc Valley; more information can be found at: <https://lompocvmc.com/health-wellness/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/vaccinations>

Patients of Sansum Clinic should contact Sansum for more information about vaccine appointments: <https://covid19.sansumclinic.org/vaccine#info>

Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria is also offering vaccination appointments. More information can be found here: <https://www.dignityhealth.org/central-coast/locations/marianregional/coronavirus>

Veterans in multiple age groups may be eligible for vaccination through the Veteran's Administration (VA). Contact the VA for more information.

The State's My Turn website available and can be used to book appointments locally. The website is: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

After vaccination:

Remember that we all still need to practice social distancing, wear a face cover, and take standard COVID-19 precautions after we are vaccinated and until the pandemic has subsided. If you do choose to gather with others, **outdoors is safer than indoors**. Vaccination greatly reduces your risk of contracting COVID-19, but it is not perfect. Continuing to follow masking and social distancing guidance while the pandemic is ongoing protects both people who are still waiting to get the vaccine as well as those who have received it. Let's keep taking care of each other -- until we are all taken care of.

If you have specific questions, please contact Kendra Wise at kendrawise@gmail.com.

Religious Exploration 04.11.21

THURSDAY EVE APRIL 15 @ 7:00 PM

Live Oak and USSB Religious Exploration's Minecraft play date, if you have been participating in ChUurchcraft on Sundays, please join us. It will be for fun and connecting with UU kids from the downtown congregation. *If you have not been admitted onto the USSB server, you will need to contact Steven or Christina from downtown, it cannot happen at 7:00 on Thursday.* Use our usual link below for the playdate,

To all students and families of Religious Exploration...

We are taking our awareness to the fact that school is out in less than two months. This means we are facing another RE Sunday, which will be Sunday May 30th. It will also be our second RE Sunday on Zoom because of the pandemic.

Our theme for RE Sunday is "Reflections", as the isolation and social distancing has created for us, a chance to reflect. This congregation would be really moved by our RE kids if we shared important thoughts that have come up or changed during this pandemic. The hope is that we are revealing ourselves in light of the "winding down" of this major event in the life of this planet and humankind.

Our reflections will cover 3 topics: 1. Inspirational figure 2. UU Principle that you resonate with 3. What do you look forward to the most when this pandemic is over. It would be great if for each topic there were 3-5 speakers, it doesn't have to be everyone all the time.

It would be really amazing to get a self portrait from all RE Students. A self portrait may or may not be a drawing/painting of the artist. It can be a compilation of images that appeal to the artist and what they like.

We have two more "Reflections" for Tuesday at 4:00 PM and truly hope everyone can make one of these Tuesdays.

MINECRAFT/CHUURHCRAFT

We will continue with our ChUurchcraft temple building the weeks of April 18 and 25. We open Zoom at 8:30 and start at 8:45. We might continue to do "play dates" after that but Sundays will shift focus in May as we get closer to our special service on the 30th. Thank you.

Steven: dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org

Live Oak Religious Exploration

Time: April 18, 2020

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9954380524?pwd=UzZORVVKbnhBamtqT2craHEOY255UT09>

Meeting ID: 995 438
0524 Password: 007564

Greetings From Your Fundraising Shepherds

Your fundraising shepherds once again want to share some ideas that are in the works that can be functional even when we are in a lockdown. Here are two that we've mentioned previously in The Acorn:

1. **Sell items** to Live Oak members by advertising in The Acorn. For example, Kristin Ingalls has shown and sold two beautiful handmade tapestries in this way and then donated the proceeds to Live Oak. Thank you, Kristin! And most recently, Priscilla Marchus and Glen Takaichi have generously donated their condo on Kauai for a week to a Live Oak family with the proceeds going to Live Oak. Thanks so much, Priscilla and Glen! Is there something that you feel would be of interest to offer in The Acorn? Or you can . . .

2. **Sell items** on outside sites such as Next Door, Facebook Marketplace, or Craigslist. This is the "no shlepping" rummage sale you saw advertised in The Acorn during the fall.

Bottom line: these sorts of sales are easy and free to advertise, with the profits going to Live Oak. Of course, using outside sites allows for money to come not from other Live Oak members but from outside of the congregation.

Carter and Wendy Morgan recently sold this dresser on Facebook Marketplace. The full proceeds of this sale (\$130) will be donated to Live Oak.



Please feel free to post a sale item (with a photo) in The Acorn. Or you can contact any of the Fundraising Shepherds if you would like to discuss items for sale or other creative fundraising ideas that you may have.

Thank you!

Your shepherds - Carter and Wendy Morgan, Kristin Ingalls, Paula Bagalio

Senior Free Day @ SB
Botanical Garden



Wednesday
April 21 10 AM– 6 PM

Panel on Watershed Health and Homelessness

-----You are invited to attend the May 5th, 2021 IRWM Summit on the topic of Watershed Health and People Experiencing Homelessness: Spotlight on the Central Coast and Ventura Counties, Statewide Impact. This event brings together key elected leaders, agency leaders, professionals and practitioners in California and at the Federal level to discuss challenges, opportunities and successes around this important and complex topic. The registration information is attached and because we would like this to be interactive, we are encouraging you to submit a question or two for our panelists and/or for general discussion. You may do this on the registration page.

This event is being sponsored by the Santa Barbara County IRWM, Santa Cruz IRWM, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Pajaro River Watershed IRWM, City of Watsonville, County of Santa Barbara, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County and the Local Government Commission.

Please feel free to distribute the invitation widely.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and we look forward to your participation and attendance.

-Jane Gray jgray@dudek.com Register at
https://dudek.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-gphY-dZRQmQDFUjo9sjlQ

Food Collection During Sheltering in Place

Thanks so much to those of you who have generously contributed food to the Santa Barbara Food Bank. As you probably know, this is a terrific organization that is filling an even larger-than-usual need in our community. We are glad to have Live Oak support their efforts!

Items that are particularly appreciated include: canned goods such as tuna, fruit, beans, and soups; peanut butter; pasta; rice; cereal. We will gather items every Monday.

You can donate food in one of three ways any day of the week:

- You can drop off donations in boxes that we have put out at Live Oak on the patio just outside of the cottage;
- You can drop off in a box we have left outside of our front door at home: 6542 Camino Caseta in Goleta; or
- You can get in touch with us via email (morganfamily1@cox.net) for a pickup at your home. Just leave food donations in a bag (preferably paper) outside of your door.

Thanks for your support of families in our community!

-Carter and Wendy Morgan

Garden Boutique Postponed

Unfortunately, we are officially postponing our Garden Boutique until our new Regathering Task Force develops a clear plan for reopening our LOUUC campus. Some of us have been growing some live (and knitted) plants to sell as a LOUUC fundraiser. We can save these until the Task Force feels it is safe to get back together again. I have some yellow and some purple iris in pots, and I would be glad to deliver these as gifts...just let me know if you want iris, what color, and how many (I have about 12 of each color). -Carolyn Chaney

Help Create a Central Coast Public Bank

Creation a public bank as a depository and lending bank for public agencies could save Santa Barbara County millions of dollars per year and improve our quality of life. Hal Hill and John Douglas are working as part of a five-county advocacy group to form a public bank. Santa Cruz County Supervisor Zach Friend has sent an email to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors asking them to pass a resolution declaring it's intent to join with the other Central Coast counties in their effort to form a public bank.

Hal needs you to step up and agree to give a three-minute speech to the Board, via Zoom, on this matter. Please contact Hal at harold-hill770@hotmail.com or (805) 680-7528 and he will send a draft script to you and instructions on how to participate in the meeting webinar with the SB County Board of Supervisors. Thank you -Hal Hill

Chairs for Sale- \$\$ for Live Oak

Two Relax the Back motorized recliner chairs for sale. All money donated to Live Oak.

Brand new, the chairs were 3K each, they have been well-loved and are in great mechanical shape. We have them a while and we just want new ones, and will sell these two to the highest bidder.

Send your bid to administrator@liveoakgoleta.org, the new owner(s) of the chairs will be announced **May 1**. Questions about the chairs or to arrange a viewing, call or text Ron at 805 280 9918. The chairs will be released to the highest bidder at the beginning of May (New chairs delivered the first week of May, still using them while we wait for the new ones). Minimum bid for a chair \$150, and can be sold separately.

-Ron and Wilma



Theatre Performances

SBCC Theatre Arts is proud to present streaming performances from March 31st until April 17th, 2021 **FINAL WEEKEND!!**

“Three Chapters” Directed by Maggie Mixsell

“Chapter 1: Family and Friends”-10 readers
(*including Sue Smiley*)

“Chapter 2: The Unexpected”-10 readers

“Chapter 3: The Discoveries”-10 readers

Tickets can be purchased online at www.sbtheatregroupsbcc.com or call 805 -965-5935. The box office is open Monday through Friday. \$10 general/ \$5 for seniors, staff and students (price per Chapter)

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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LIVE OAK APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Diane Cline 4/4
- Terra Trevor 4/11
- Kristine Kelly 4/13
- Reverend Tamara 4/19
- Wilma Seelye 4/26



TOP: Campus Entrance-
MIDDLE: The Farmhouse
BOTTOM: The Patio

Click your heels together three times and say...
“There’s no place like home, there’s no place like home, there’s no place like home....”

