

The Acorn

Jan & Feb 2021 Half-Basket Report

1/10/21

Coastal Band of
the Chumash Na-
tion 259.00

1/24/21

SB ACT Interfaith
Sanctuary Alli-
ance 254.00

2/7/21

Planned
Parenthood
531.00

2/21/21

Storyteller Chil-
dren's Center
381.00

*Thank you for your
ongoing generosity!*

April 4, 2021



“Stories of Spring”

A Multi-Generational Service

*Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki, with Jim
Pearson, Al Ronyecz and
Rachel Rose*

Spring and "springtime" refer to a sea-
son, and also to ideas of rebirth, renew-
al, resurrection and hope. Join us this
Easter Sunday as we hear inspiring sto-
ries connected to this time of year.

This Week's Events and Meetings (All Virtual)

Sunday April 4

10:00 A.M. Worship Service
(Multigenerational Service)

Monday April 5

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

Tuesday April 6

[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)
4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care
5:00 P.M. Facilities
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group Facili-
tators

Wednesday April 7

9:00 A.M. Acorn deadline

[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)
11:00 A.M. Membership Ministry
5:00 P.M. Mid Week
Meditation
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

Thursday April 8

[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)
3:00 P.M. Committee on Ministry

Friday April 9

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

Saturday April 10

11:00 A.M. Tech Rehearsal

Sunday April 11

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

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

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Worship Service 04.04.21

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta
Order of Service April 4, 2021

Stories of Spring

Multigenerational Worship Service by the Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki,
with Jim Pearson, Al Ronyecz and Rachel Rose

A/V support: Michael Wittman; Tech support: Drew Carter

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

Prelude ~ *April in Paris* Nansie Douglas

Words: E. Yip Harburg; Music: Vernon Duke

Welcome Song ~ *For the Beauty of the Earth* #21 (verses 1, 3, 4)

Words: Folliot Pierpoint; Music: Conrad Kocher

Welcome Jeanne Northsinger, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

Call to Worship

THE BIG STORY Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Our First Story: Ostara Al Ronyecz

Congregational Singing ~ *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again* #61

Words: Samuel Longfellow; Music: Lyra Davidica

Our Second Story: Persephone and Demeter Rachel Rose

Congregational Singing ~ *De Colores* #305(verse 1 in Spanish, English, Spanish)

Words: David Arkin; Music: Traditional Spanish folk

Our Third Story: Jesus Jim Pearson

Congregation Singing ~ *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky* #203 (verses 1-4)

Words: Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi; Music: From Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang

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Our Fourth Story: Our UU Story

Rev. Tamara

Choral Anthem ~ Spring

Live Oak Choir & Friends

Video editing by Luana Psaros

Words: Hannah Drott; Music: W.A. Mozart; SAB arr. by John Douglas
adapted from SSA arr. by Gerhard Track

Sharing in Stewardship

Roberta Weissglass

Closing Song ~

For the Earth Forever Turning #163

Words and Music: Kim Oler

Benediction/ Chalice Extinguishing

Postlude ~ *April Showers*

Nansie & John Douglas

Words: B.G. De Sylva; Music: Louis Silvers

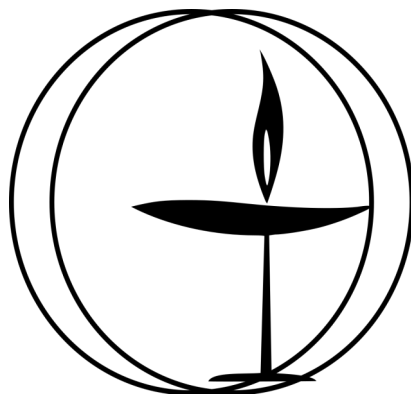
Choir Members and Friends

Soprano

Melanie Jacobson
Luana Psaros
Aletha Solter
Susan Braden
Nanda Douglas
Arleen Hollosy

Alto

Teka Penteriche
Nanda Douglas
Kristin Otte
Nansie Douglas
Priscilla Marcus



Baritone

Karl Jauch
Drew Carter
John Douglas
Gregg Hart
Al Ronyecz

**Live Oak Sunday Worship
Sunday April 4, 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>

**Five-minute break and then all are invited
to re-gather for our after-service social hour.**

Upcoming Services

“Community Begins at Home”

April 11

Megan Moyer

Join Live Oak member Megan Moyer as she explores our Sixth Principle and the deeper meaning of "COMMUNITY" with a homily titled "Community Begins at Home."

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 10, 2021 09:30 AM

Apr 24, 2021 09:30 AM

Join Zoom Discussions:

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

Meeting ID: 957 2532 2190

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Religious Exploration 04.04.21

It's the week of Easter, and we are having a MULTI-GENERATIONAL service, so **there is no Religious Exploration class this week**, and we are having a more "family style" service. Please join us at 10:00 in our virtual Sanctuary. This is our second year without an Easter egg hunt, ***so please find some time this weekend to drive by Live Oak (by the cottage) and pick up your bag of "Easter Appreciations"*** and let's visualize an Easter Egg hunt in 2022. In the meantime, if I say there is **CHOCOLATE** somewhere inside that bag, promise you will go by and find your bag. RE will of course, resume next week on the 11th.

TUESDAYS IN APRIL

For the month of April, Steven will host a 30 minute to one hour "forum" called REFLECTIONS. They will be Tues. at 4:00 on April 6, 13, 20, and 27. It is also designed to be for one person or as many who show up.

We will be talking about topics that will potentially be a part of our RE Sunday, which will be Sunday May 30, and our theme will be "Self Portrait". Mark your calendar! And us our regular ZOOM link for Sundays.

AND if you have not been attending RE on Sundays, consider this as an alternative.

Just for fun Lin Manuel-Miranda fans...check out his new video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YiZW2sfurk>



Social Justice Upcoming Activities 04.04.21

Read: UUA Common Read for 2020-2021-Breathe: [A Letter to My Sons](#) by Imani Perry. This book reflects on race, racism, and the hope that one's child will be wholly known and valued by society. It is "an unforgettable lesson in Black resistance and resilience." To order go to [InSpirit: UU Book and Gift Shop](#) or [Amazon](#).

Read: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/20/fact-sheet-president-biden-sends-immigration-bill-to-congress-as-part-of-his-commitment-to-modernize-our-immigration-system/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=106a35a7-7899-45c1-bdd0-2c8593482543>

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

COVID-19 Vaccination Update (3/31/21)

Exciting changes in vaccine eligibility are coming this week and mid-month! Starting on Thursday, April 1st, all Californians 50 years of age or over are able to get vaccinated, and beginning April 15th, all Californians 16 years of age or over are eligible to get vaccinated. We are seeing an increased supply of vaccine, and the Public Health Department continues to hold large clinics (this week in Lompoc, next week in Santa Maria, and the week after that in Santa Barbara).

Vaccine also continues to be available through care providers, hospitals, and commercial pharmacies.

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?

Health care workers (and others in similar roles); AND

People who are 50 years old or older; AND

Workers in the agricultural/food, education/childcare, and emergency responder industry sectors; AND

Individuals aged 16-49 who have underlying health or other conditions that put them at very high risk of severe outcomes if they were to become infected with COVID-19; AND

Veterans who make appointments through the VA.

Where can people get the vaccine?

Contact your primary health care provider first to see if they are giving the vaccine to their patients.

Local pharmacies also offer vaccination appointments (CVS, Walgreens, RiteAid)

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.

The Public Health Department is hosting community clinics (in Lompoc this week, in Santa Maria next week and in Santa Barbara the week after that.

How can I make an appointment?

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department releases new ap-

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

appointment slots for vaccines on Monday mornings at 9 a.m. 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.

Cottage Hospital has a website with information on their vaccine clinic here: <https://www.cottagehealth.org/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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 is up and running, and you can check there for eligibility as well. The website is: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

After vaccination:

Remember that you will still need to practice social distancing, wear a face cover, and take standard COVID-19 precautions after you are vaccinated and until the pandemic has subsided. While more and more people are eligible for and receiving vaccines, most people in our community have not been vaccinated and cannot yet get one. We can help keep them safe by continuing to follow COVID-19 precautions. 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.

Social Justice Ministry at Live Oak

Recently, the Social Justice Ministry has taken some actions that may interest you.

First, we adopted the UUA 8th Principle because it is key to our mission: Live Oak UU Social Justice Ministry **covenants 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.**

Second, we supported SB 300, the Sentencing Reform Act of 2021. SB 300 will reform California's unjust "felony murder special circumstance" law by ensuring that the death penalty or life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) will not be imposed on a person who did not kill or intend that a person die during the commission of a felony, such as robbery or burglary.

Third, we wrote a letter of support for AB 937, the VISION Act... **Voiding Inequality and Seeking Inclusion for Our immigrant Neighbors.** AB 937 will protect community members who have already been deemed eligible for release from being funneled by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention for deportation. The VISION Act might have prevented the travesty of justice now taking place, as Gabby Solano, an immigrant survivor of domestic violence who was granted parole after unjustly serving a 20 year sentence, was handed over to ICE from prison, even though she came to the US as an infant.

As you can see we have been active and we are looking forward to telling you more at our April 18 Worship Service. -Carolyn Chaney

Help Create a Central Coast Public Bank

Hal Hill and John Douglas are seeking your help in getting the Board of Supervisors to agree to establish the Central Coast Public Bank. Soon the board will be asked to pass a resolution to take the first step towards joining the other Central Coast counties in forming a public bank. You can help by letting Hal know you are willing to send an email or letter to the member of the Board of Supervisors representing your district, supporting formation of the Central Coast Public Bank or recommending someone you think would be willing to do so. Hal will make it easy for you by sending a script to you that you can modify to fit your ideas and personality and contact information.

Thank you!! -Hal Hill (805) 680-7528 or email haroldhill770@hotmail.com

Stewardship Season 2021

Thank you everyone for a very successful stewardship season. I personally have had contact with many people I have not talked to in a long time, and it's been very nourishing for my hibernating self. Warmest thanks. I have also heard from many of you that you have reached out and enjoyed our fellowship. If not, it's not too late! And if you haven't yet made your pledge, we'll be calling you. Thank you to Liz Caccese, Ron Kronenberg, Pat Johnson and Teka Penteriche who have volunteered to do this.

We have received 70 pledges, a total of **\$175,888 for Live Oak for FY 2021-22**. That represents a **7% increase** over your giving this year. Fantastic that we place such a priority on Live Oak even during such a challenging time.

Thank you also to our very moving pulpit editorial speakers, Sylvia Sullivan, Paul Maliszewski, and Kendra Wise. Here is a quote from our most recent speaker, Kendra:

“When I think of Live Oak, I think of it as safe harbor, haven, a quiet and beautiful anchorage. There's fresh water, and folks skilled at patching, mending, and listening to my tales of the deeps. I can listen to them, too, and bear witness to their trials, marvel at their skill in rough weather or contrary winds, lend a hand when they have repairs to be made, rejoice at a safe return or an exploratory voyage gone wonderfully right. There is comfort, and care, and love.



Life is an uncertain adventure. We don't all need the same things at the same time. But we do need the same things – love, encouragement, witness, help, direction, a berth that fits our boat. I have found all of these things here at Live Oak. Perhaps you have, too.”

Thank you all!! Carrie Topliffe

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

Theatre Performances

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

“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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 Terra Trevor 4/11
 Kristine Kelly 4/13
 Reverend Tamara 4/19
 Wilma Seelye 4/26