

# The Acorn

## IRREVERENT APRIL

At this time of the year  
night-air feels  
so deeply steeped  
in fragrance  
of orange blossoms  
lungs can barely breathe it  
yet yearn for more  
as if the vibrant arrows  
of a youthful Eros  
might penetrate  
a winter-weary Centaur  
and send him spinning  
into spring.

Lisl Auf der Heide  
3/29/2021

April 9, 2021



## "Community Begins at Home"

**Megan Woodward Moyer**

Is our 6th Principle, The Goal of World Community With Peace, Liberty, and Justice for All, attainable or is it just a dream? Join us for a talk about this challenging principle and how we can approach it on a small scale, at home.

## This Week's Events and Meetings (All Virtual)

**Saturday April 10**  
9:30 A.M. Whiteness Wkshp Discussion  
11:00 A.M. Tech Rehearsal

**Sunday April 11**  
8:45 A.M. Religious Exploration  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

**Monday April 12**  
[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)

**Tuesday April 13**  
[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)  
2:00 P.M. Good Relations Ministry  
4:00 P.M. Reflections-RE  
6:30P.M. Worship Ministry

**Wednesday April 14**  
**9:00 A.M. Acorn deadline**  
[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)  
2:30 P.M. Social Justice  
5:00 P.M. Mid Week Meditation

**Thursday April 15**  
[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)  
5:30 Covenant Group

**Friday April 16**  
[9:00 A.M. Yoga](#)  
10:30 A.M. Hookers & Needlers

**Saturday April 17**  
11:00 A.M. Tech Rehearsal  
1:30 P.M. LO Regathering Task Force

**Sunday April 18**  
8:45 A.M. Religious Exploration  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service  
11:15 Town Hall Mtg.

<http://liveoakgoleta.org/events-calendar/>

## Worship Service 04.11.21

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta

Order of Service

April 11, 2021

*“Community Begins at Home”*

Worship Service by Megan Woodward Moyer

A/V support: Marty Jenkins; Tech support: Paris Psaros

**Music for Gathering** (*begins at 9:50 a.m.*)

John Douglas, Music Director

**Prelude** ~ *I Believe*

words & music: Carrie Newcomer

Nansie Douglas

**Welcome Song** ~ *Morning Has Broken* #38

words: Eleanor Farjeon; music: Gaelic folk melody

**Welcome**

Kendra Wise, Worship Associate

**Chalice Lighting**

We Light our flaming chalice  
To illuminate the world we seek.  
In the search for truth, may we be just;  
In the search for justice, may we be loving;  
And, in loving, may we find peace.

Elizabeth McMaster

**Call to Worship**

Kendra Wise

**Opening Song** ~ *Break Not the Circle* #323

words: Fred Kaan; music: Thomas Benjamin

**Message for All Ages**

Steven Lovelace, DRE

**Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**

Megan W. Moyer

**Live Oak Sunday Worship**  
**Sunday April 11, 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>

## Worship Service 04.11.21

### Meditation

Megan W. Moyer

### Congregational Response ~ *Love Makes a Bridge* #325

words: Brian Wren; music: Gerald Wheeler

### Homily

*Community Begins at Home*

Megan W. Moyer

### Musical Response ~ *Humble and Kind*

words & music: Lori McKenna

Nansie Douglas

### Sharing in Stewardship

Kendra Wise

### Closing Song ~ *Soon the Day Will Arrive* #146

words: Ehud Manor; music: Nurit Hirsch

### Benediction

Megan W. Moyer

### Postlude ~ *What Can One Little Person Do?*

words & music: Sally Roger

Nansie & John Douglas

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

## 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

## Upcoming Services

### **“Walking Our Talk: Putting Our UU Values into Action ”**

**April 18 Social Justice Ministry**

It's been a busy year with Social Justice, adopting an 8th principle, sentence reform and fairer release practices from jail or prison for non-citizens and people of color in the United States Justice System. We have been active and want to tell you more at the 4/17 Worship Service.

## 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

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,95725322190# US (San Jose)

## Live Oak Ministries! IMPORTANT! 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](mailto:administrator@liveoakgoleta.org)

Thank you so much!!

## Religious Exploration 04.11.21

### This Sunday in Religious Exploration

Sunday morning, we will open the zoom room at 8:30 and begin ChUurchcraft at 8:45. Hoping for those who come that they are able to begin their individual temples, but make sure your Interfaith Room is done as well.

We will most likely work on these through the month of April and starting in May, RE will shift our focus to our RE Sunday service, mark May 30 in your calendar.

### Tuesdays in April "Reflections"

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 "Reflections". Our service will focus on 4 topics for this year, our year of reflection...1. *A person who inspires you.* 2. *Your favorite UU principle, or the one you "resonate" most with* 3. *What do you look most forward to when the pandemic comes to a close* and 4. *Creating your self portrait.*

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

### Minecraft/ChUurchCraft night

Thursday April 15 at 7:00 PM, Live Oak RE and USSB RE will have a "play date" . Please join us after dinner but before bed for a little Minecraft fun. You must be already logged into the server.

If not, reach out to Steven if you want to be. It's a process and cannot happen as we are going in to play.



**Live Oak Religious  
Exploration**

**Time: April 11, 2020**

8:30 AM log in

8:45 AM start

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/9954380524?pwd=UzZORVVKbnhBamtqT2craHE0Y255UT09>

**Meeting ID: 995 438 0524**

**Password: 007564**

## COVID-19 Vaccination Update

By now hopefully you all have heard that everyone age 16 and over in Santa Barbara County is now able to get vaccinated against COVID-19! This week the Public Health Department announced that their clinics will start accepting anyone 16 or older for appointments, and other locations in the County (such as the hospitals and pharmacies) are free to do so as well if their vaccine supply allows it. By next Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, all vaccine providers in the County can provide vaccine to anyone age 16 or older.

In addition, the Public Health Department continues to hold large clinics this week in Santa Maria, and next week in Santa Barbara.

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

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 this age group, as that vaccine has more stringent cold-holding requirements than the other two vaccines.

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 is hosting large community vaccination clinics in Santa Maria this week and in Santa Barbara next week. Appointments are required for these clinics 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)

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.

### **How can I make an appointment?**

# COVID-19 Vaccination Update

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. In addition, they will release the appointments for next week's large vaccination clinic in Santa Barbara on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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](mailto: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. The Vision Act will help keep the federal immigration police (ICE) from taking people as they are released from jail and deporting them. We have seen first hand the trauma and disruption to families this causes as a family member is picked up at the exit from the jail and carted off to ICE detention. Many of our sheriffs assist ICE by informing them when these people are being released. AND....Good news!! The VISION Act has officially passed through the Assembly Public Safety Committee with a 5-2 vote! Hooray!!

As you can see we have been active and we are looking forward to telling you more at our April 17 Worship Service. -Carolyn Chaney





## 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 77 pledges, a **total of \$190,968 for Live Oak for FY 2021-22**. That represents a **6% 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



## 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.

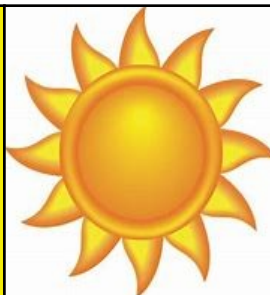
If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and we look forward to your participation and attendance.

-Jane Gray [jgray@dudek.com](mailto:jgray@dudek.com) Register at [https://dudek.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-gphY-dZRQmQDFUjo9sjlQ](https://dudek.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-gphY-dZRQmQDFUjo9sjlQ)

## 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

Senior Free Day @ SB  
Botanical Garden



Wednesday  
April 21 10 AM– 6 PM

## Online Film Salon and Discussion

### PRESS RELEASE FOR THE APRIL 11, 2021 *Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon*

On Sunday April 11, join Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon at 12:00pm Pacific Time. An expert panel discusses the documentary "*On the Side of the Road*," revealing Israeli's denial of ethnic cleansing in Palestine from 1948 to the present. Register at [tinyurl.com/VFHLapril2021](https://tinyurl.com/VFHLapril2021) for the Sunday discussion.

See the film free anytime prior to the discussion at [tinyurl.com/OnTheSideOfTheRoad](https://tinyurl.com/OnTheSideOfTheRoad).

Panelists include film director Lia Tarachansky and Ghassan J. Tarazi, the former Executive Director of United Palestinian Appeal, Inc., and founding member of the Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace. Moderator Rosemarie Esber is the author of *Under the Cover of War: The Zionist Expulsion of the Palestinians*.

Visit [VoicesFromTheHolyLand.org](https://VoicesFromTheHolyLand.org) to learn more. This April 2021 **VFHL Online Film Salon** is co-sponsored by Christ the King Lutheran Church (Great Falls, VA) and the Lutheran Palestine/Israel Network (Southern California and Pacifica Synods). UUs for Justice in the Middle East is one of the general sponsors for the programming.

## 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](mailto: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!

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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

## 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](mailto:administrator@liveoakgoleta.org), the new owner(s) of the chairs will be announced **May 1**. If you have any questions about the chairs or would like to arrange a viewing, call or text Ron at 805 280 9918.

If you bid highest, we will release these chairs at the beginning of May, as we had to order the new chairs (they will be delivered the first week of May), we are actually 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

**“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](http://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)