

# The Acorn

January 1, 2021

This Week's Events and Meetings

## NOCTURNAL DRUMMER

All night the  
drum-beat of rain  
on the roof  
gentle, soft,  
harder at times  
the drummer's hands  
Insisting on a mystical  
rhythm  
a wordless song  
sung to the shrouded  
moon  
seeded grasses  
the thirsty earth.

-Lisl Auf der Heide



## *A Crack in Time* Jonathan Young

The tradition of making noise at New Year's Eve has ancient roots of honoring the chaos that existed before orderly time. Old lore says the boundary with invisible worlds is thin at such threshold moments. Live Oak founding member Jonathan Young will reflect on our ongoing relationship with unseen mysteries.

There will not be an Oos for this week's service.

### Sunday January 3

9:00 Religious Exploration  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

### Monday January 4

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

### Tuesday January 5

[9:00 A.M. Yoga \(V\)](#)  
4:00 P.M. Pastoral Care (V)  
5:00 P.M. Facility Mtg (V)

### Wednesday January 6

[9:00 A.M. Yoga \(V\)](#)  
11:00 A.M. Membership (V)

### Thursday January 7

10:00 A.M. Worship Service  
5:00 P.M. Staff Mtg. (V)

### Friday January 8

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

### Saturday January 9

11:00 A.M. Tech Rehearsal

### Sunday January 10

9:00 Religious Exploration  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

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## Religious Exploration

**THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION:** Thank you and congratulations to all the Pageant performers. I know that you have all been loved on for the work we gave to the congregation last Sunday, but know that I have also received MUCH love and compliments from the body of Live Oak. In fact, it really was a beautiful service from beginning to end so thank you all for giving your very best to our very receptive Live Oak friends. Thanks also to the congregation of Live Oak, you are a generous, loving audience. XO

### Live Oak Religious Exploration

**Time: January 3, 2020  
9:00 AM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
[Click Here](#)

**Meeting ID:** 995 438 0524

**Password:** 007564

Please join us this week in Religious Exploration. Carter and Wendy will be your hosts, and it is the first class of 2021. It is our first Sunday of the month and we will work with Soul Matters, with the theme of RENEWAL.

**MINECRAFT/CHUURCHCRAFT- Sunday Jan. 10, 2021 :** We are starting our Minecraft/ ChUurchcraft curriculum next Sunday January 10. I am on vacation until January 3, so we will start the week after, and will be partnering with Durango CO UU. We will have an infusion of new kids, which should be fun.

## Upcoming Sermons

**January 10: Discovering America Again** Rev. Dr. Clyde Grubbs

In the fifteenth century Christian Europe asserted the right to conquer and subjugate the non-Christian peoples of Africa and the Americas. The result was enslavement and genocide of many peoples. How do we discover an America of peace and justice?

## Rev. Tamara away and Pastoral Care coverage

Rev. Tamara will be taking a few weeks off after the holidays, both vacation and study leave. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, our Live Oak Pastoral Care team will be available as follows. Of course, you can contact any member of the team for assistance and they can either help you or direct you toward the contact person.

Members of the Pastoral Care Ministry are: Craig Garvin, Priscilla Marchus, Wendy Morgan, Colleen Poulsen, Elaine Sears, Ken Solter, Sylvia Sullivan, and Roberta Weissglass

- 12/28-1/3: Colleen Poulsen
- 1/4-10: Priscilla Marchus
- 1/11-17: Roberta Weissglass

## Mid-Week Meditation and Sharing Schedule

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been meeting on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. for a time of meditation and sharing. Please make note of the following schedule for the upcoming weeks:

- **1/6/21: Mid-Week Meditation gatherings resume in the new year!!**

## Live Oak's 2020 Giving Campaign

### Let's All Pitch In

The pandemic has required all of us to make adjustments to our lives and plans, and Live Oak is included. At the Congregational Meeting in November, a newly revised budget was approved, and it shows a shortfall of about \$20,000. The most impactful change is due to significantly reduced rental income from the Friendship Center, which is unable to operate normally due to COVID-19.

As a result, your Board of Trustees launched a Giving Campaign to ensure Live Oak's financial health through the pandemic. The Giving Campaign is simple: Members and Friends are being asked to make an additional donation mid-year; donations are not in lieu of existing pledge commitments made for this fiscal year.

**THANK YOU** to those of you who have already donated! Forty Live Oak members and families answered the invitation to make an additional financial donation to help us move through these unprecedented times – so far, donations total \$23,400! We would love to have every member and friend of Live Oak participate, so please join in with your support.

**The Invitation:** Please make a donation at whatever level makes sense and is comfortable to you. Donations have ranged from \$50 to \$2500 – all donations are greatly appreciated, no matter the size. It is the intention behind the donation that matters the most.

**How to donate:** You may make your donation in the same manner in which you pay your pledge, and indicate the **Giving Campaign** in the memo line of checks or notes on PayPal. Once again, we've pulled together and proven that we will be there for one another. Thank you for supporting the continued health of our beloved community through our Giving Campaign.

**With so much gratitude for YOU, your generosity, and ongoing commitment to our Live Oak community,**

Your Board of Trustees Members – Jane Gray, President; Megan Moyer, Vice President; Janet Mocker, Treasurer; Christina Cabeen, Holly Cook, Mary Johnson, and Teka Penteriche, Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki, Minister and a Board of Trustees member

## Food Collection During Sheltering in Place

Thanks so much to those of you who continue to kindly contribute food to the Santa Barbara Food Bank. Your generosity is truly heartwarming! This terrific organization is filling an even larger-than-usual need in our community. We are glad to have Live Oak support their efforts; workers at the Food Bank continue to express their great appreciation for our donations!

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

As a reminder, you can donate food in one of three ways any day of the week:

- (1) You can drop off donations in the covered boxes that are located at Live Oak on the patio just outside of the cottage;
- (2) You can drop off food in a box we have left outside of our front door at home: 6542 Camino Caseta in Goleta; or
- (3) 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 so very much for your support of families in our community!

Carter and Wendy Morgan

## 9225 (and more).....

Number of letters and cards written by Live Oakers to Get Out the Vote in 2020. This does not include the many text messages and phone calls we also made. This is one way we have used the democratic process, and encouraged others to do so, in the quest for peace, liberty, and justice for all.

M. Maliszewski

## After Service Discussion

**Sunday 4-4:45 pm ~ runs through 1/3/21**

Same Zoom Link every week...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89200792395?pwd=MUUzdDI0Nzd5RFd0L0lyQk93eXg1UT09>

Meeting ID: 892 0079 2395

If you have questions, contact Jonathan Young ~ [young@folkstory.com](mailto:young@folkstory.com) ~ 805 687-7171

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**Happy Birthday to friends &  
members celebrating  
January birthdays !**

Gil Green 1/4,  
Pat Johnson 1/6  
Colleen Poulsen 1/9  
David Echols 1/11  
Priscilla Marchus 1/22  
John Douglas 1/22

Lura Pearson 1/23  
Lisl Auf der Heide 1/30

# Beautiful Photos from Our Live Oak Members and Friends!



One of the rainbows this  
week

-Jeanne



Appreciating our garden from  
another view on Christmas  
Day. - Harold "Hal" Hill



Bringing in the new year with  
flowers blooming at Live Oak.

-Michael

**Keep them coming! Lets stay connected!**

**Send your photos to  
[administrator@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:administrator@liveoakgoleta.org)**