

The Acorn

August 13, 2021

This Week's Events
and Meetings

ATTENTION:

Our Live Oak campus is being painted and goes to August 16th.

During this time, The Live Oak campus will be inaccessible for the duration of the painting job.

BTW-MAIL IS STILL BEING DELIVERED to the locked mailbox at the driveway entrance to 820 N. Fairview Ave and picked up weekly.



A Love Enduring

Dr. Melissa James,
UUA Congregational Life Field Staff in the
Pacific Western Region

What ties us together through generations, across distances, and in the midst of turmoil? Deep within our UU theology is a commitment to a love enduring that connects us with each other, with our neighbors, and with all beings. We hold in tension that which we celebrate and that for which we repent, individually and collectively as we continue to work toward Beloved Community.

**LO CAMPUS CLOSED-
PAINTING THROUGH WEEK OF
AUGUST 16**

Sunday Aug 15

9:00 AM Religious Exploration
10:00 AM Worship Service V
11:15 Town Hall V

Monday Aug 16

[9:00 AM Yoga V](#)

Tuesday Aug 17

[9:00 AM Yoga V](#)
6:00 PM Board Mtg V
7:00 PM Sangha V

Wednesday Aug 18

[9:00 AM Yoga V](#)
9:00 AM Acorn deadline
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group
Facilitators Mtg V

Thursday Aug 19

[9:00 AM Yoga V](#)

Friday Aug 20

[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
10:30 AM Hookers & Needlers
5:00 PM L.O Beach Pot Luck

Saturday Aug 21

11:00 AM Tech Rehearsal V

Sunday August 22

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

V=Virtual
LO=@Live Oak
O=Off site

[Google Calendar - Aug 2021](#)

Order of Service

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta
Order of Service August 15, 2021

A Love Enduring

Worship Service presented by Melissa James

*We tend to think love is a feeling,
but it is not.
Love is an action;
love is something we do for others.
~ Desmond Tutu*

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

John Douglas, Music Director

Prelude ~ Up Where We Belong

John & Nansie Douglas

Lyrics: Will Jennings; music: Buffy Sainte-Marie & Jack Nitzsche

Welcome Song ~ Love Will Guide Us #131

Welcome

Jim Wells, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

By Cynthia Landrum

As we kindle this flame,

May it spark in each of us

Connection and commitment

To this living tradition

And to each other.

Call to Worship

Melissa James

Opening Song ~ Fire of Commitment # 1028

Message for All Ages

Holly Drayton

What is Given from the Heart

By Patricia C. McKissack

This Little Light of Mine

Joys and Sorrows

Jim Wells

Meditation

Jim Wells

Religious Exploration 08.15.21

willing to step in. Please give these folks a bit of your Sunday morning, it will be lovely.

COMING OF AGE

This year we will offer the Coming of Age program for our older students who are going into EIGHTH GRADE up. Our RE year starts on Sunday Sept 19, and our first Coming of Age class will be Sunday September 26. The Coming of Age team this year will be Mary Docterman, Rachel Iler-Keniston and myself. It should be interesting to come together as we are working hard at leaving this pandemic, so the time is right to be thinking forward, and Coming of Age should facilitate that.

Be on the look out in the next week for an orientation date at the end of this month.

Social Justice Upcoming Activities 08.13.21

1. Aug 16- Ballots will be mailed to voters in the recall election of our governor. Please make sure you vote!
2. Sept 14 Webinar on joining Central Coast Community Energy as your energy provider, 6-7 pm. This exciting move to support clean energy is available to those of us who live in Goleta and unincorporated Southern SB County. Listen and find out how you can be a part of this! <https://3cenergy.org/2021-enrollment/>
3. "How Do We End Racism in Policing?" article to clarify issues in this area. <https://www.aclu.org/news/criminal-law-reform/how-do-we-end-racism-in-policing/>
4. Support voting rights! Write our Congressman and Senators and ask them to support the John https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bRRV5II5qE9WYUNKe_AoXAGlpZK2Kg7ePSgkQ9RSP9U/edit
5. Learn about legislation to pass single payer guaranteed healthcare, CalCare (AB1400) in California. Email info@medicare4all.org for the links to four dates for upcoming webinars.

Worthy Now

"Worthy Now" is the prison ministry network, a part of our UU Church of the Larger Fellowship. More than 1000 people who are living in prisons across the United States are members of the CLF. Last Sunday Tanner Linden of the CLF put out a call for UU penpals for CLF prisoner members. This is a call we can answer.

I have had two penpals through the CLF Prison Ministry, and both times it felt rewarding. My first penpal was a short relationship, because he was released about a year after we started corre-

Worthy Now

sponding. My second penpal became a friend, as we corresponded for about 6 years. Incarcerated for 26+ years for a nonviolent drug offense, she was finally released under Obama's review of mandatory prison sentences.

I am applying again for a new penpal, because I know that simple correspondence based in UU values was a lifeline for both of my penpals. It usually just involves writing a monthly letter... often by hand. Letters go through the CLF office, so that the prisoners do not know their UU penpal's last names or addresses. Guidelines for penpals and a sign-up link are listed at the website: <https://worthynow.org/pen-pals/>

Carolyn Chaney



Friday BBQ Picnics!



Weekly Friday BBQ/potlucks at Goleta Beach through August 27 at 5:00 PM. Pot luck. ..bring your own plates, glasses, napkins etc. We will have the BBQ going for those who want to cook. No need to make reservations. Invite your friends.

We usually try to find a BBQ and table near the entrance on the right side. Look for the LOUUC old yellow banner.

We are looking for hosts who will come early at 4pm to find a space, start the grill, put up the banner etc. Thanks to Carolyn Chaney who has volunteered to help out.

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Food Bank Collection During Painting

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.

Food Bank Collection During Painting

As a reminder, you can donate food in one of three ways:

You can drop off donations directly to the Food Bank at 4554 Hollister Avenue (next to the Page Center) between 9:30 and 3:00, Monday - Friday.

You can drop off food 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..

Do not take food to Live Oak campus during painting

Thanks so very much for your support of families in our community!

Carter and Wendy Morgan

Facility News

The painting at our Live Oak campus is completed. Thanks to **Fresh Coat Painters**, the place looks new and vibrant. As someone has said, "*never underestimate a fresh coat of paint*". Looking forward to getting back together soon. - Michael



Regathering Task Force-Thru Sept 2021

As we move forward, a note on inclusion:

In the interest of not excluding anyone, we strongly encourage groups to meet virtually when one or more persons cannot attend in person. Or alternatively, include a virtual option (i.e. running Zoom during the in-person meeting so that all group members are able to participate.)

There will be no meetings on campus until the painting job has been completed.

Likewise, if one or more persons cannot join a virtual meeting due to lack of technology, we encourage all virtual meetings to be accessible by phone. This is easily accomplished with our congregational Zoom accounts.

On campus meetings: For the time being, all groups of all ages meeting in person at Live Oak need to be outdoors. Masking and social distancing are not required. Participants should only use the Farmhouse bathrooms. Please close the toilet cover when flushing and use Clorox wipes for all contact surfaces after each use. Groups wishing to meet on campus need to schedule their meeting with the Administrator using the email: administrator@liveoakgoleta.org.

Off campus meetings: Live Oak groups meeting off campus need to be clear in advance about how and where they are meeting (i.e. indoors/outdoors, masks/no masks, social distancing/no distancing) . By doing so, people can make their own decisions about their participation.

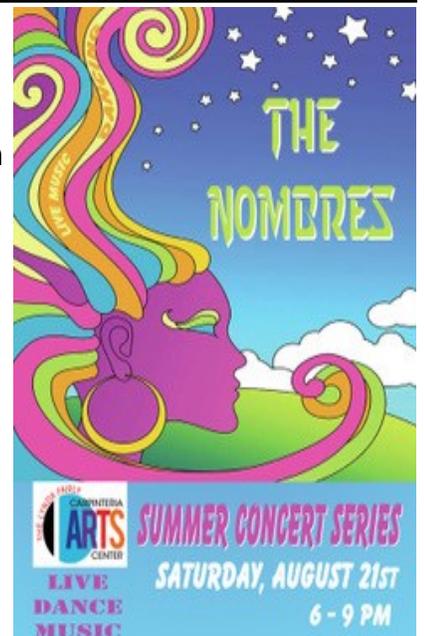
NOTE: These guidelines were approved by the Board on the recommendation of the Regathering Task Force.

Live Music Is Back - Come Hear The Nombres!

If you're someone who has missed the opportunity to hear live music, then now is the time to change that. Live Oak member Carter Morgan and his band, The Nombres, will be playing two times (both in outdoor settings) in the upcoming weeks. They'd love to have you join in the fun on:

Saturday, August 21 from 6:00-9:00 at the beautiful new Carpinteria Arts Center - 855 Linden Avenue. This free event is in a lovely outdoor courtyard with a nice space for dancing. Come a bit early to see some wonderful local art - the current exhibit is called "Human Forms." Then, hear some fun music as you enjoy a nice evening in Carpinteria.

And if you really want to plan ahead, The Nombres will be back at Old Town Coffee on Saturday, October 9 (7:00-10:00).



Live Oak August Birthdays

Lyn Levine
8/1

Jasmine Bailey
8/3

Liz Caccese
8/3

Ken Solter
8/9

Fermina Murray
8/10

Mary Johnson
8/12

Mary
Dochterman
8/15

Holly Cook
8/18

Christina Cabeen
8/20

Janet Mocker
8/20

Barbara Hodgdon
8/22

Christian Kahn
8/23

Debbie Mackie
8/26

Alexandra
Williams
8/27



Supporting our Members

**Emergence: Art Show - this Saturday, Aug 14,
11:00 – 4:00 pm**
at the Unitarian Society,
535 Santa Barbara Street, SB,CA

It's outside!

-Kristine Kelly will be selling at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara on Saturday, August 14 from 11-4. I will be selling glass fusion pendants, landscapes, small chalices and pocket hearts.

Marie Arnold is participating in the Art Show at USSB on August 14, 2021.

25% of her sales will go to Live Oak as a fundraising activity - So come and encourage her.

Marie will also participate in a special Goleta Valley Art Association show at La Cumbre Plaza on Aug. 21 from 11:00-5:00.

Live Oak Photo Gallery



Pink Amaryllis Belladonna flower
blooming in our yard.

-Michael Wittman

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