

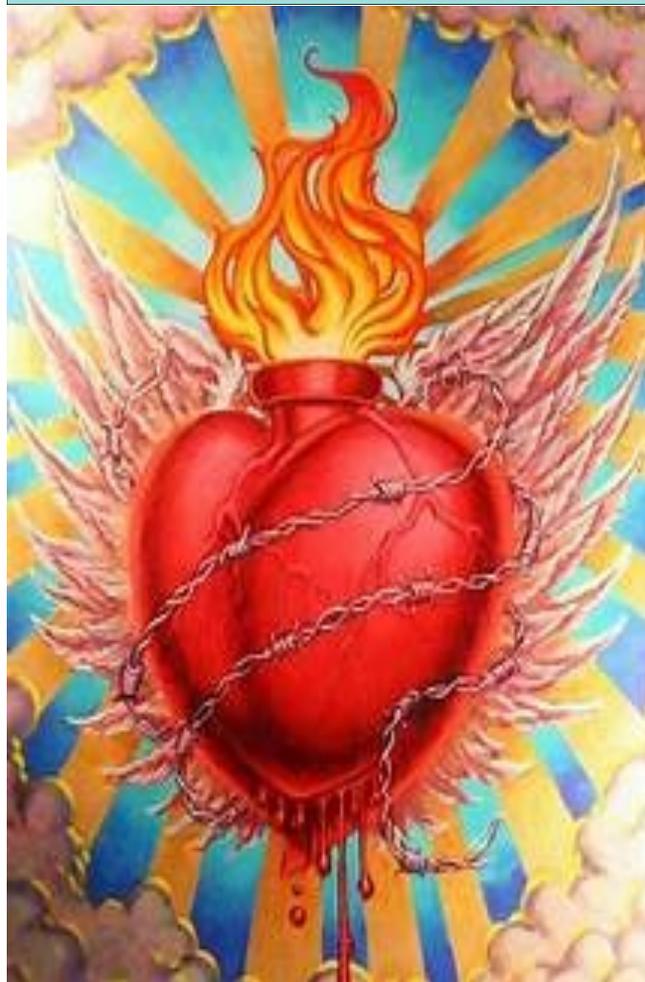
The Acorn

December 31, 2021

This Week's Events and Meetings

The Live Oak office will be closed beginning Thurs. Dec. 23 and will reopen Mon January 3rd, 2022, Steven will be on vacation.

If there is an emergency, you will need to contact him at his personal address gotrixie@gmail.com but **PLEASE** only for emergencies. Thank you



Turning of the Year Fire Communion Worship Ministry

In recognition of the New Year, we seek to lighten our load by setting aside those things we no longer need, and embracing that which we wish to treasure. The Worship Ministry will lead us in our ritual of new beginnings.

Sunday Jan 2
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Monday Jan 3
[9:00 AM Yoga](#)

Tuesday Jan 4
[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
6:00 PM Pastoral Care

Wednesday Jan 5
[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
9:00 AM Acorn deadline
11:00 AM Membership
7:00 PM Covenant Group LO

Thursday Jan 6
[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
7:00 PM Facilities

Friday Jan 7
[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
10:30 Hookers & Needlers
5:00 PM A/V Tech Rehearsal

Saturday Jan 8
11:00 AM Tech Rehearsal

Sunday Jan 9
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
11:30 A.M. Religious Exploration Elementary
4:00 PM Coming of Age

[Google Calendar - January 2022](#)

Artist: Francisco Franco

Worship Service 12.31.21

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta

January 2, 2022 Order of Service

Turning of the Year

Worship Associates: Drew Carter, Kristin Ingalls, Gloria Liggett, Megan Moyer,
and Jim Wells

A/V Eric Schug, Marty Jenkins, and Michael Wittman

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

John Douglas, Music Director

Prelude

Nansie and John Douglas

***Welcome Song** ~ "Rise Up O Flame" #362

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Song ~ "Lady of the Season's Laughter" #51

Message for All Ages

Gloria Liggett

"This Little Light of Mine"

Joys and Sorrows

Ritual of Letting Go & Renewal

- Traditions
- Inward Grace

Live Oak Sunday Worship
January 2, 2022 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/u/a3HkXnuGD>

Worship Service 12.31.21

- **Reflections**
- **Candle of Release**

*Spirit of Life, be with us in our letting go.
Help us to let go of old habits, grudges*

and unhealthy attitudes towards ourselves or others.

*Help us to know what is finished and no longer needs our energy.
Let any heaviness or tightness in our hearts loosen and lift with the rising of this
flame, making room for healing, for openings and the expansion of love
in the year ahead.*

With this prayer we light the Candle of Release.

Ritual of Renewal

*Spirit of Infinite Newness, of all that is yet to be,
Awaken in us a power and commitment to all that is life- enhancing
Help us to open our hearts to all that might be, and let in the light of love and
the promise of possibility in the year ahead.*

*Let our intentions for renewal find their way to life-affirming actions.
With this prayer we light the Candle of Renewal.*

Prayer for the New Year

Musical Response

John

Sharing in Stewardship

Closing Song ~ "The Fire of Commitment" #1028

Benediction

Postlude

Nansie and John

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



Upcoming Services

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Jonathan Young

Follow the White Rabbit

Many people have experiences that are hard to explain. Like strange jokes, these unusual glimpses reveal colorful dimensions of the human adventure.

Founding member Jonathan Young will share a few of his own weird moments to invite reflection on times when the margins of certainty get a little porous.

Live Oak in-person Covid protocol for live attendance

- Please stay home and join the service via Zoom if you are sick (running a temperature and/or having cold-like symptoms) or have been exposed recently to someone with Covid.
- Only fully vaccinated individuals (with boosters, if eligible) are able to gather in person.
- Everyone must wear masks at all times (N95 or surgical), maintain social distancing, and observe hand hygiene.
- Unless previously screened, please arrive early to be screened (show proof of vaccination record and affix clearance sticker on name badge)

Thank you!

Pastoral Care in January

Many thanks to those who make it possible for your minister to take much needed time off! Our Worship Ministry will be facilitating interesting and engaging Sunday services, and the Pastoral Care Ministry will cover any pastoral issues. If you need pastoral support, please contact your Pastoral Care person or the person listed as below. Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday season and may 2022 be kind to us all.

With love and blessings,
Rev. Tamara

12/27-1/2: Sylvia Sullivan
1/3-1/9: Colleen Poulsen
1/10-1/16: Roberta Weissglass
1/17-1/23: Priscilla Marchus

Social Justice Upcoming Activities 12.31.21

1. **January 6** - Virtual Public Meeting 3: Support the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, 4-7 pm, register to speak or listen, <https://indivisiblesb.org/events/virtual-public-meeting-3-support-the-chumash-heritage-national-marine-sanctuary/>
2. **January 6 – Defend Democracy Day of Action** – Write postcards to register voters virtual event. For more info: <https://www.mobilize.us/ft6/event/430190/>
3. **January 10 – PFLAG meeting, 7pm, Email for link to the meeting: pflagsantabarbara@gmail.com**
4. **Coming up: January 14, Angela Davis in a Community Conversation, “How America Can Change,”** sponsored by Fielding University, The Fund for SB and Healing Justice at 6pm. This will be both in person and virtual. Watch for more details!

New Programming from the UJMC

- 1) We will be launching a new UJMC (Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California) Covenanting Community campaign. Through this program, we will work toward supporting the justice ministry, goals, and needs of our UU congregations and their local communities.
- 2) We will be developing an engaging youth ministry program called Arc Benders. This program will give our youth a voice in all levels of UJMC ministry, leadership and programming.
- 3) We will continue our Border Trips, in which participants visit with groups providing support to deportees, meet with community organizers in Tijuana, and learn what we can do as faith activists when we return home.

-from the UJMC



Religious Exploration 12.31.21

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

COMING OF AGE

To our teens: Reflect on the idea that our days are getting longer now. The New Year time is also a good time to let go of old habits that may not be serving you. Also, be on top of your requirements. This might be a good time to catch up on your requirements and other things that need attention but are ignored or put off because of the constraints of everyday life .

You resume on January 9 @ 4:00PM with Mary and Rachel.

ELEMENTARY AGES

Hoping to see more of the elementary age kids in 2022 and sorry we could not make a holiday class work out. It's a busy time, that is understood, plus a pandemic. We love you all and hope you have a most beautiful holiday season. Hope Gennie and I see you **Sunday January 9, 2022 at 11:30 AM** for our New Year's resolution class.

Food Collection continues

Thanks as always to those of you who continue to generously 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, and workers at the Food Bank continue to express their appreciation!

Let's remember that Food Equity has not yet been achieved, so your gift of FOOD to the community is a "holiday spirited " thing to do and a critical and compassionate humanitarian effort!

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.

Food may be donated in one of three ways on any day of the week.

- (1) You can drop off donations in boxes that we have put out at Live Oak on the patio just outside of the cottage;
- (2) You can drop off donations in a box we have left outside of our front door at home: 6542 Camino Caseta in Goleta; or *(continued next page)*

Food Collection continues

(3) 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

Half-Basket, Fund for Santa Barbara-Jan. 2



Mission: Advancing progressive change by strengthening movements for Economic, Environmental, Political, Racial, and Social Justice

The Fund for Santa Barbara (est. 1980) is a non-traditional community foundation that supports organizations and groups working for progressive social change in Santa Barbara County. The FUND is dedicated to helping find solutions to current and emerging social problems and issues that challenge our society as a whole.

Strategies: Make Grants, Build Capacity, Nurture Coalitions, Influence Philanthropy, and Development Movement Leadership

Make Grants to community groups and coalitions across the region supporting long-term movements and emerging needs.

Build Capacity of progressive organizations to help them be bold and effective.

Nurture Coalitions by being a hub for collaborative efforts and serving as a trusted table to convene people and groups for strategy, resource sharing, and inspiration.

Influence Philanthropy to support community organizing and movement building.

Develop Movement Leadership so that social justice movements and the progressive philanthropy sector look like the communities we serve: diverse, intergenerational, and values-driven.

<https://fundforsantabarbara.org/>

How well do you know Kwanzaa?

In 1966, Dr. Maulana Karenga created Kwanzaa based on agricultural celebrations in Africa. Kwanzaa is from December 26 through January 1.

The activities of Kwanzaa are informed by ancient African views and values that reaffirm and reinforce family, community and culture. These views and values are demonstrated by the ingathering of the people, special reverence for the Creator and Creation, commemoration of the past, recommitment to our highest ideals, and celebration of the good.

Dr. Karenga created Kwanzaa to introduce and reinforce seven basic values of African culture that contribute to building and reinforcing community among African Americans as well as Africans throughout the global African community. These values are called the **Nguzo Saba**, Swahili for the Seven Principles.

The **Nguzo Saba** stands at the heart of the origin and meaning of Kwanzaa. The Seven Principles should serve as the building blocks for the community, as well as its social glue.

December 26 – **Umoja (Unity)**

To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and the race.

December 27 – **Kujichagulia (Self-determination)**

To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

December 28 – **Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)**

To build and maintain our community together and to make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and to solve them together.

December 29 – **Ujamaa – (Cooperative Economics)**

To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.

December 30 – **Nia (Purpose)**

To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

December 31 – **Kuumba (Creativity)**

To do always as much as we can, in the way that we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

January 1 – **Imani (Faith)**

To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Announcements

Lyn Levine: Lauren reports that Lyn is recovering well from her procedures and is still at Valle Verde, but gaining physical strength is a slow process. She is so appreciative and grateful for everyone's cards.

If any Live Oakers would like to send a card:

Lyn Levine

Valle Verde

900 Calle De Los Amigos

Room 307A

Santa Barbara CA 93105



"Mo Maliszewski is recovering well at home after a partial liver resection which most likely got all the cancer. She is so grateful for all the love and support from her LO family".

Helen Gordon: Helen had to spend Christmas in quarantine in Buena Vista Care Center because one of her care givers tested positive for COVID. Before her exposure she was planning to move back to her apartment in Maravilla. She needs our help cheering her up. Please take the time to send her a get well card at the following address:

Helen Gordon

c/o Buena Vista Care Center

160 S. Patterson Ave.

Santa Barbara, CA 93111



Live Oak Volunteer Opportunities: Coordinating Team, still looking to add one member to this important part of Live Oak leadership. Live Oak is still looking to train 3-4 more folks as Rental Monitors, which also pays \$15 an hour. Any individuals who are interested or want to know more, contact administrator@liveoakgoleta.org

Religious Exploration is looking for volunteers who are willing to be "on call" for live services to help with child care if families come with their children. Contact dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org if you would be willing to do this.

Live Oak January Birthdays

Gil Green
1/4

Pat Johnson
1/6

Linda Hill
1/7

Colleen
Poulsen
1/9

David Echols
1/11

Priscilla
Marchus
1/22

John Douglas
1/22

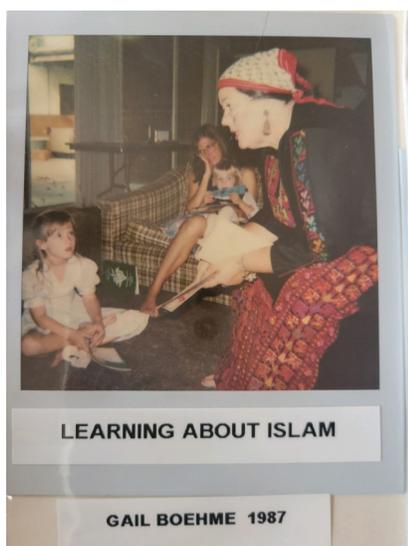
Lura Pearson
1/23

Rashun
Drayton
1/23

Kaia Drayton
1/26

Donald Martin
1/31

Live Oak Photo Gallery



TOP LEFT: Wilma's archive series this week on World Religions in RE with our own Gail teaching about Islam circa 1987

TOP RIGHT: Kristin O's backyard winter finery.

BOTTOM LEFT: Joshua Tree and Christmas are a perfect combination with Greg's daughter Holly and her two boys.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Just a peek at the near-completion of Steven and Greg's little desert paradise home.

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