

The Acorn

January 7, 2022

This Week's Events
and Meetings

Half Basket November- December 2021

11/07/21
Wilderness Youth
Project
\$422.00

11/21/21
CAUSE
(Central Coast
Alliance United
for a Sustainable
Economy)
\$409.00

12/05/21
Live Oak Holiday
Project-
Split between
Transition House
and Adam's
Angels
\$630.00



“Follow the White Rabbit”

Jonathan Young

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.

Sunday Jan 9

10:00 A.M. Worship Service
4:00 PM Coming of Age

Monday Jan 10

7:45 AM Piano Tuning (S, FH)
[9:00 AM Yoga](#)

Tuesday Jan 11

[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
1:00 PM Coordinating Team
6:30 PM Worship Ministry

Wednesday Jan 12

[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
9:00 AM Acorn deadline
2:30 PM Social Justice
5:00 PM Committee on Ministry

Thursday Jan 13

[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
5:00 PM Good Relations

Friday Jan 14

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

Saturday Jan 15

11:00 AM Tech Rehearsal

Sunday Jan 16

10:00 A.M. Worship Service
4:00 PM Coming of Age

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Artist: Zev Hoover

Worship Service 01.09.22**Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta****Order of Service****January 9, 2022*****Follow the White Rabbit*****Worship Service by Jonathan Young****Worship Associate: Megan Moyer****A/V support: Michael Wittman; Tech support: Paris Psaros****Music for Gathering** (begins at 9:50 a.m.)

John Douglas, Music Director

Prelude ~ *White Rabbit*

Words & Music: Grace Slick

Nansie Douglas

Welcome Song ~ *Voice Still and Small #391*

Words & Music: John Corrado

Welcome

Megan Moyer, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

Megan Moyer

For the gift of this day and for our community of spiritual nurture and compassion,
we give thanks.

We light this chalice as a symbol of our faith.

May our many sparks meet and merge in communion of heart and soul.

-Bruce Southworth

Call to Worship

Jonathan Young

Opening Song ~ *Sleep, My Child #409*

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter; Music: Welsh melody

Message for All Ages

Jonathan Young

Worship Service 01.09.22

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Megan Moyer

Meditation

Megan Moyer

Congregational Response ~ *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place* #1008

Words & Music: Joyce Poley

Homily

Follow the White Rabbit

Jonathan Young

Musical Response ~ *Bird on a Wire*

Words & Music: Leonard Cohen

Nansie Douglas

Sharing in Stewardship

Megan Moyer

Closing Song ~ *Return Again* #1011

Words & Music: Shlomo Carlebach

Benediction

Jonathan Young

Sung Response ~ *Go Now in Peace* #413

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth

Chalice Extinguishing

Megan Moyer

Postlude ~ *Anthem*

Words and Music: Leonard Cohen

Nansie Douglas

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



**Live Oak Sunday Worship
January 9, 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>

Upcoming Services

January 16

Hymon Johnson

Principles and Practice

Hymon Johnson is an emeritus professor and published poet. He grew up in the Catholic faith and spent well over 40 years studying the world's scriptures and major faith traditions, and following the universal teachings of Paramahansa Yogananda, Sathya Sai Baba, and others. He has been an advocate for peace, unity, and human harmony throughout his life and has deep-seated convictions about ethics, equity, and humankind's noble goal of Self-Knowledge.

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

1/3-1/9: Colleen Poulsen

1/10-1/16: Roberta Weissglass

1/17-1/23: Priscilla Marchus

Social Justice Upcoming Activities 01.09.22

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."
~Desmond Tutu

1. **January 10 – LGBTQ+ Folks, Families and Faith: the Journey to Acceptance, PFLAG meeting, 7pm, Email for link to the meeting:**
pflagsantabarbara@gmail.com or

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

2. **January 14, Angela Davis in a Community Conversation, "How America Can Change,"** sponsored by Fielding University, The Fund for SB and Healing Justice 6:00-7:00pm.
This will be both in person at the Hilton SB Beachfront Resort and virtual. [Video Conference Link](#).

An Ask from Your Live Oak Board

Wonderful Members and Friends,
We are looking for someone to take on our Stewardship campaign this year. We have reached out to some, but thought this could reach a larger number of you. The campaign this year will most likely be all online, as it was done last year so successfully by Carrie Topliffe. Carrie has even offered to help guide and support the person or persons who choose to take this on. Would you be willing to see this through? Please give it some thought and then reach out to any board member with your good news!

Thank you,

Your Live Oak Board Members

Megan Moyer, Mary Johnson, Teka Penteriche, Larry Bishop, Clacey Kahn, Holly Drayton, and Wendy Morgan



Religious Exploration 01.09.22

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

COMING OF AGE

Teens: We do come back this week to Mary and Rachel this Sunday at 4:00 PM. HOWEVER, this week and possibly next **might be** on Zoom because of Omicron. I wish it were different, but seems like a lot of folks are being exposed right now. Stay tuned, we will make a decision by Friday evening so watch for text/emails.

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

If it becomes necessary to go ZOOM here is the link, and know we will change back to in-person as soon as possible.

Also: Note in my CoA newsletter this week that I need a meeting with each of you between Thurs. Jan. 6 and Fri. Jan. 14. Email me with your time preference and no Wednesdays or Saturdays for me, please.



ELEMENTARY AGES

Live Oak Religious Exploration

Time: January 9, 2022
4:00 PM

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

Meeting ID: 995 438 0524
Password: 007564

Was hoping to see you all this week but live class does not seem wise right now and most of the school age kids are not interested in being on Zoom anymore. This Sunday's RE class is cancelled this week. Let's do our part around staying safe and hoping this surge is short lived. Thank you.

Contact Steven dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org for RE/kid related issues
RE/kid related items



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 beautiful thing 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
- (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



Did You Know.....?

"Did You Know?"

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation is highlighting famous Unitarians and Universalists who were/are an influential part of the roots, heritage, and history of Unitarian Universalism. After co-existing for hundreds of years, on May 12, 1961, the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America merged.

"Did You Know" - written by Robb Rice (and co-authored by Barbara Kuhn and Al Ronyecz) on behalf of the Membership Ministry - will be a monthly feature in the Acorn, and will appear in a special section of the Live Oak website.

Clarissa Harlowe Barton Universalist, (December 25, 1821 – April 12, 1912) was an American nurse who founded the American Red Cross. She was a hospital nurse in the American Civil War, a teacher, activist, and a patent clerk.

In 1855, she moved to Washington D.C. and began work as a clerk in the US Patent Office; this was the first time a woman received a salary equal to a man's salary.

In 1864, during the Civil War, she was appointed as the "lady in charge" of the Union Army's hospitals at the front. She was also known as the "Florence Nightingale of America."

After the Civil War, and following many other accomplishments, she created a movement to gain recognition for the International Committee of the Red Cross. Barton became President of the American branch of the society, and the first local society was founded August 22, 1881 in Dansville, New York.

Barton was highly regarded for being a self-taught nurse, for her humanitarian work, and for her civil rights advocacy at a time before women had the right to vote. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973.

In a letter to her sister, she wrote: "My dear friend and sister: Your belief that I am a Universalist is as correct as your greater belief that you are one yourself, a belief in which all who are privileged to possess it rejoice. In my case, it was a great gift, like St. Paul, I "was born free", and saved the pain of reaching it through years of struggle and doubt."

For more information about Clara Barton, go to [Wikipedia.com](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clara_Barton).



Clara Harlowe Barton, American nurse and founder of the Red Cross, teacher and activist, and DID YOU KNOW she was also a UU??

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

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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: First, Coordinating Team, still looking to add one member to this important part of Live Oak leadership. Second, 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

Third (and last) 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 are willing this.