

The Acorn

Announcement from Live Oak's Incoming Board

Dear Live Oakers,
Our incoming Board met this week and voted on our elected Board positions as well as appointed positions for 2021-2022. The results are as follows:

President, Megan Moyer
Vice President, Clacey Kahn
Treasurer, Mary Johnson with Paula Bagalio, appointed co-Treasurer
Recording Secretary, Liz Caccese

We're all excited to represent Live Oak and look forward to the coming year.

Megan Moyer,
Board President

July 2, 2021



“Celebrating the 4th of July... in a Divided Nation!”

Peter Haslund, Live Oak Member

This annual celebration is not just about hot dogs and beer or spectacular fireworks, and it is more than simply a day to commemorate the birth of our country. It is about an idea, a fusion of liberty and restraint as the twin pillars of government whose just powers are to be derived from the consent of the governed.

This Week's Events and Meetings

Sunday July 4
9:00 AM Religious Exploration V
10:00 AM Worship Service V

Monday July 5
[9:00 AM Yoga](#) V

Tuesday July 6
[9:00 AM Yoga](#) V
5:00 PM Facilities Mtg V
6:00 PM Pastoral Care O

Wednesday July 7
[9:00 AM Yoga](#) V
9:00 AM Acorn deadline
7:00 PM Covenant Group V

Thursday July 8
[9:00 AM Yoga](#) V

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

Saturday July 10
11:00 AM Tech Rehearsal V

Sunday July 11
9:00 AM Religious Exploration V
10:00 A.M. Worship Service V

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

[Google Calendar - July 2021](#)

Artist: Elena Petrova

Worship Service 07.04.21

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta

Order of Service

July 4, 2021

Celebrating the 4th of July . . . in a Divided Nation!

Worship Service with Peter Haslund & Kristin Ingalls

A/V support: Marty Jenkins; Tech support: Drew Carter

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

John Douglas, Music Director

Prelude~ Nothing More
By Tim Warren & Eric Donnelly

Carter & Wendy Morgan

Welcome Song ~ *Come and Go with Me #1018*
African American spiritual

Welcome

Kristin Ingalls, Worship Ministry

Lighting Our Chalic ~ *May This Flame* By Bets Wienecke

May this flame,
symbol of transformation since time began,
fire our curiosity,
strengthen our wills,
and sustain our courage
as we seek what is good within and around us

Call to Worship

Kristin Ingalls

Opening Song ~*Once to Every Soul and Nation #119*
Music: Thomas John Williams; words: James Russell Lowell

**Live Oak Sunday Wor-
ship**
Sunday July 04, 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 07.04.21

Message for All Ages

Gloria Liggett

Grandma Drove the Garbage Truck
by Katie Clark, illustrated by Amy Huntington

This Little Light of Mine

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Meditation

Peter Haslund

Congregational Response ~ *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* #99

African American spiritual

Homily~ *Celebrating the 4th of July . . . in a Divided Nation!*

Peter Haslund

Musical Response~*America the Beautiful*

Nansie Douglas

Music: Samuel A. Ward; original words Katherine Lee Bates; arranged by John Douglas

Sharing in Stewardship~ Showers of Blessings

Marty Jenkins

Closing Song~ *This Is My Song* #159

Music: Jean Sibelius; words: Lloyd Stone

Benediction

Peter Haslund

Musical Response ~ *United We Stand*

Nansie & John Douglas

By Tony Hiller & Peter Simons

Postlude~ *We Hold These Truths*

Live Oak Choir-

Music: John E. Douglas; words: Carrie Topliffe & John Douglas; video by Luana Psaros

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

Upcoming Services

July 11 San Luis Obispo UU

“The WE We Long To Be”

What do you talk about when we talk about “WE”? Does every “US” require a them?

(This begins our five-congregation exchange “Summer Road Trip” every Sunday thru Aug 8. Look for a new link for these five weeks. See article below)

Pastoral Care for Summer (late June-mid Aug)

Rev. Tamara is taking a break over the summer and the Pastoral Care Ministry will be covering any pastoral care situations as follows.

These members of the Live Oak Pastoral Care ministry will serve as the main contact each week. Week of 7/5: Priscilla Marchus; 7/12: Kristin Otte; 7/19: Roberta Weisglass; 7/26: Elaine Sears; 8/2: Sylvia Sullivan; 8/9: Colleen Poulsen. Other members of the ministry are: Craig Garvin and Cecilia Ramirez.



Summer Road Trip

From Rev. Tamara:

It's time for a "Summer Road Trip" with our Sunday worship services!! Several months ago the ministers in our Unitarian Universalist local ministers group envisioned a collaboration this summer and the "Road Trip" is the result. For five services, July 11-August 8, you can enjoy virtual worship services as part of a very large congregation of congregations. Each week will be led by the Worship Team of a different congregation although **for all weeks the link and time is the same**. Our own amazing Live Oak Worship Ministry will lead the service on August 1!! We hope you click on the link provided at the end of each service to join your Live Oak community for our time of fellowship after each service, facilitated by a Live Oak Worship associate.

Please see the flyer attached in this newsletter for more information and ENJOY!!

General Assembly Report

Report from General Assembly (GA) 2021 (6/23-6/27)

622 congregations represented; 3,528 attendees

Since we are not having a GA wrap-up service at Live Oak this year, I thought I'd share some of what I gleaned in the five days of our annual denominational gathering this year.

Happy Birthday to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) which was created by the joining of the Universalists and the Unitarians in 1961.

Major themes throughout GA were healing (from the trauma of pandemic, from the past year's multiple political and social atrocities) as well as a re-commitment to the work at hand as we "circle round for courage, healing, and justice."

We heard much about the UUA Commission on Institutional Change (CoIC) report of June 2020, *Widening the Circle of Concern*, and how the UUA has been working internally to begin to address the many recommendations of this report. All congregations are being encouraged to engage with this report and the study guide in the coming year. Stay tuned for more...

We heard from the Study Commission charged with proposing changes to Article 2 of the UUA Bylaws. They will be activating an association-wide conversation on possible changes so again, stay tuned...

In the business meetings (I attended over eleven hours of these and they were very well facilitated!) we voted to extend the Timeline for UUA President-Elect to Take Office, amended the Religious Education Credentialing Level nomenclature, and changed the Timelines for Submitting Actions of Immediate Witness and Timelines for Campaigns for Moderator and President (we shortened these.) Of special note, we voted to affirm that congregational delegates to GA do not need to be paid. GA registrants are to participate only in the business of the Association thereby making our democratic process more accessible. We rejected a proposal that would have allowed the Presidential Search Committee to submit only one name in nomination for the office of President.

The General Assembly affirmed these Actions of Immediate Witness

[Defend and Advocate with Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Communities \(PDF\)](#)

General Assembly Report (cont'd)

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: Justice. Healing. Courage \(PDF\)](#) (more on page 6)

[Stop Voter Suppression and Partner for Voting Rights and a Multiracial Democracy \(PDF\)](#)

The Statement of Conscience (SOC): [Undoing Intersectional White Supremacy \(PDF\)](#) was adopted.

Delegates also adopted the Responsive Resolutions

[Article II Responsive Resolution \(PDF\)](#)

[Divestment Responsive Resolution, Revised \(PDF\)](#)

In all, it was a very productive, constructive, and fun GA experience this year. I sincerely hope that Live Oakers will consider attending GA in June 2022 which will again be in Portland, Oregon. Current plans include the option of in-person attendance as well as virtual. As with so many other parts of life, those who show up have the power to make decisions affecting our Association now and into our future.

With love and in faith,
Rev. Tamara

Half Basket-Showers of Blessing

This Sunday's Half Basket goes to Showers of Blessing whose mission is "to provide free hot showers, foster compassionate hygienic care, and offer access to critical services for people experiencing homelessness." Showers was created in 2014 by an Interfaith Group including Marty Jenkins and Gail Boehme from Live Oak. With the support of County Health we were able to continue to provide showers through the Covid-19 experience.



Check out the website at: showersofblessingiv.org

Religious Exploration 07.04.21

This Sunday, July 4, in our early summer video series, we are looking at "Random Acts of Kindness"....Please use our "usual link" for RE at 9:00 on Sunday.

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

Religious Exploration this Summer Starting July 11, five congregations, five worship services, five RE classes. The congregations on the central and south coast are coming together once more while we are still gathering online, and joining UU forces. Live Oak, USSB, UU San Luis Obispo, Chalice of Conejo Valley and UU Ventura will share worship services AND RE from July 11 through August 8, so enjoy our last times online together for this year, and let's hope that we are finally wrapping up the pandemic. Live Oak will present worship service and RE on August 1. **We will use a separate link for both service and RE for these 5 weeks, so stayed tuned for that.** Please plan on attending some of these classes and let's get to know our UU kids/teens that live nearby.

"Hamilton" TONIGHT @ 7:00 PM at USSB Join teens and emerging adults (ages 13-24) from USSB. The film will be in Parish Hall today due to the length (2:40). Doors will be left open and masks will be required. Popcorn and M&Ms will be provided and we will have an intermission game, complete with prizes! Come as early as 7:00 PM, movie will begin by 7:30 PM.

Camp DeBenneville Pines Virtual Camps

This summer, our favorite UU experience, Camp deBenneville Pines, is offering a series of FREE virtual day camps in July for children and youth.

Two camps are offered on July 14-16, a virtual UU elementary camp for children who have completed grades K-5 and another camp for Jr. High students who have completed 6-8 grade. To find out more about these camps:

[2021 Virtual UU Elementary Summer Camp - \(uucamp.org\)](http://uucamp.org)

[2021 Virtual UU Junior High School Summer Camp - \(uucamp.org\)](http://uucamp.org)

The virtual High School Camp is July 21-23 for students who have completed 9th-12th grades, and for more information:

[2021 Virtual UU Senior High School Summer Camp - \(uucamp.org\)](http://uucamp.org)

Please register at least 48 hours prior to the start of the events. And remember to put it on your calendar! If you have any questions, please contact Camping Ministries Director, Marianne Swift-Gifford (she/her). Email: cm@uucamp.org. Call or text: (909) 287-1270

Social Justice Upcoming Activities 07.04.21

July 4th, Independence Day! As we celebrate with our families and friends, let's think about what this holiday is all about. Our founding fathers and mothers made a good start at a new kind of government. They didn't have it all right, but they started. What do we value about our country and what are we willing to do to keep it as free and democratic as possible? We might start with exploring the voting rights issue! What can we as individuals and we as the Live Oak Congregation do to stop the legislation that is curtailing those rights, and make sure all our citizens are able to vote!!

July 8, Thursday, 6-7:30 pm, SB Progressive Coalition meeting about Medicare for All on zoom.

Live Oak Beach Pot Luck July 9

BBQ at Goleta Beach starting Friday July 9 until August 27, 2021 5 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 Carolyn Cheney who has volunteered to help out.

For information contact: Marie Arnold marie.arnold@verizon.net

Joys and Sorrows

Debra Rodgers, friend of Live Oak and founder of our Live Oak Sangha, shares that her mother passed away last week. Debra had moved to the Southland in the past year to take care of her mother and has been very happy to reconnect with Live Oak via our virtual Sunday services. We send our love and caring thoughts to Debra and family in their time of grief.



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:

- You can drop off donations in the covered boxes that are located at Live Oak on the patio just outside of the cottage;
- 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.

Thanks so very much for your support of families in our community!
Carter and Wendy Morgan

Live Music Is Back - Come Hear The Nombres!

If you're someone who has missed the opportunity to go out to hear live music, then now is the time to change that. Thanks to those of you who came out last Friday to hear Live Oak member Carter Morgan and his band at Old Town Coffee. The Nombres will be playing again on:

Sunday, July 4 from 2:00-4:00 at Stow House -
304 N. Los Carneros

Come enjoy Independence Day with live music at "the ranch." Bring a blanket, beach chairs, snacks and drinks as you enjoy a good time in this beautiful park setting. (You may want to park on Covington or another nearby street since parking will be limited at the Stow House.)



And if you really want to plan ahead, The Nombres will be back at Old Town Coffee on Hollister Avenue on **Saturday, August 7 (7:00-10:00)** and at the Carpinteria Arts Center on **Saturday, August 21 (6:00-9:00)**.

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 alternately, include a virtual option (i.e. running Zoom during the in-person meeting so that all group members are able to participate.)

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.

On a final sweet note, we look forward to gathering again indoors in September.

Paul Murray 7/1

Jan Ross 7/3

Eric Schug 7/14

Susan Jackson 7/16

Tom Boehme 7/18

Gail Boehme 7/21

Peter Kuhn 7/23

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Sue Smiley 7/29

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Live Oak
July
Birthdays

Announcements

Maureen and Paul Maliszewski are looking for house sitting opportunities of at least one week during the period of January through March 2022. Contact Mo at 970-903-0957 or email at

maliszewskimaureen@yahoo.com

Source: City of Goleta-Fire Season Safety

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful place, but like most California cities, Goleta is susceptible to fires, and it is officially "Fire Season." We want to make sure our community members understand the risks and are prepared. Please take time out to watch this important video message tailored specifically to Goleta residents from Santa Barbara Co. Fire Chief Mark Hartwig.

View the video in English: <https://youtu.be/mz0pcA3h5a0>

View the video in Spanish: https://youtu.be/EojSC_2Y6-g

Make sure to sign up for alerts from Santa Barbara County at <https://readysbc.org/> and City of Goleta information at <http://tinyurl.com/goletaemergency>.

Our own Lorenzo Lara, was nominated and then accepted on the "Youth Making Change" Board through a community activist organization, the Fund for Santa Barbara.

Youth Making Change is a teen led grant-making program that provides young people with the opportunity to engage directly in grant giving. This volunteer board gives out \$15,000 in grants to teen-led projects that impact young people. Lorenzo is truly giving back to the community by committing to this. Check out Youth Making Change:

<https://www.fundforsantabarbara.org/programs/ymc/>

Remembering Jean Olsen

We will have a small memorial for my mom Monday, July 12 at the Cremation Garden at Oak View Cemetery in Ballard at 2:30 PM. We do not expect folks to attend the out-of-town service but all are invited. We will be having a celebration picnic at 6 PM at Stow Grove Park, Area 2. We hope folks will come for the picnic if they can.

-Kimberly Olsen

