

The Acorn

June 18, 2021

This Week's Events and Meetings

There Always Will Be

There always will be
one more book to read,
One more poem to
write,
One more friend to
meet.

There always will be
One more battle to fight,
One more cause to
support,
one more wrong to
make right.

There always will be
More seeds yet to sprout,
More sunsets to blossom,
More rainbows to shout.

There never can be
A good time to leave,
No perfect departure,
No last minute reprieve.

Lisl Auf der Heide



“The Universalism of Abolition”

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

One day after the 156th anniversary of Juneteenth, a day often celebrated as a "more accurate" end to the enslavement of Africans & African Americans in the United States, we know there is still so much work to be done to truly end slavery in our midst. As calls to dismantle systems of mass incarceration and policing gain more support, how do we move ourselves towards a committed and courageous love that supports Black liberation? How are we as people of faith called to listen, learn, and lead in the work of abolition as an expression of a Universalist Love?

Sunday June 20

9:00 AM Religious Exploration V
10:00 AM Worship Service V

Monday June 21

[9:00 AM Yoga V](#)
1:30 PM Covenant Group V
6:00 PM Incoming Board Mtg V

Tuesday June 22

[9:00 AM Yoga](#)

Wednesday June 23

9:00 AM Acorn deadline
[9:00 AM Yoga V](#)

Thursday June 24

[9:00 AM Yoga V](#)
6:00 PM Book Group LO

Friday June 25

[9:00 AM Yoga](#)
10:30 AM Hookers & Needlers V

Saturday June 26

11:00 AM Tech Rehearsal V

Sunday June 27

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

V=Virtual

LO=@Live Oak

O=Off site

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Worship Service 06.20.21

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta

Order of Service

June 20, 2021

“The Universalism of Abolition”

Worship Service presented by Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

We must shock this nation with the power of love.

We must shock this nation with the power of mercy.

We must shock this nation and fight for justice for all.

We can't give up on the heart of our democracy. Not now. Not ever."

~ Rev. William Barber II

Music for Gathering (*begins at 9:50 a.m.*) Fernanda Douglas, Guest Music Director

Prelude ~ *Song For My Father*

Live Oak Choir

Composers: Horace Silver and Leon Thomas. Arrangement by John Douglas

Welcome Song ~ *Our World is One World* #113

Welcome

Jim Wells, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

By Elizabeth McMaster

We light our flaming chalice

To illuminate the world we seek.

In the search for truth, may we be just;

In the search for justice, may we be loving;

And, in loving, may we find peace.

Call to Worship

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

Opening Song ~ *Break Not the Circle* # 323

**Live Oak Sunday Worship
Sunday June 20, 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/u/a3HkXnuGD>

Worship Service 06.20.21

Message for All Ages

This Book is Anti-Racist By Tiffany Jewell

Jim Wells

This Little Light of Mine

Joys and Sorrows

Jim Wells

Meditation

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

Congregational Response ~ *Amazing Grace* #205

Sermon "The Universalism of Abolition"

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

Musical Response ~ *We Shall Overcome* #169

Fernanda Douglas

Sharing in Stewardship

Rev. Ranwa

for the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California

Closing Song ~ *Building a New Way* #1017

Benediction

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

Postlude ~ *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

By John and James Johnson

Fernanda Douglas

Take a 5 minute break and come back to the link for informal social time.



Upcoming Services

June 27 *Sunday Morning Worship from 2021 UUA General Assembly*

This morning we join with thousands of other Unitarian Universalists as we watch the largest gathering of UUs in worship together each year. Our worship leaders today are from the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis. Join this service using our regular Live Oak Sunday service link, and plan to stay on afterward for our weekly time of sharing and socializing.



Religious Exploration 06.20.21

This Sunday in our summer video series, we are looking at BABIES..and some of these babies are pretty amazing! It is always a good reminder when we are in the presence of babies to consider or imagine where we all came from and our own humble beginnings. And like cute, furry animals, who in the world doesn't love babies?!! It's pretty amazing how we evolve into who we are if you think about it.

Please use our "usual link" for RE at 9:00 on Sunday. Link in part two of this article. It was so nice to see a big crew in RE last Sunday.

Religious Exploration this Summer

As we are winding down our online classes through Zoom in both RE and services, our congregation and our "cohort" congregations of the south/central coast of SoCal have joined up to take turns with services that we will all do together. Our 5 ministers put this together and the 5 respective RE programs will join them. July 11-August 8, both the service and RE will be held by one of five UU congregations. RE times are the same, and know that we will be using Chalice of Conejo Valley's Zoom link on those 5 dates. Our weekend is August 1st.

We DREs are hoping that our students show up and have the chance to get to get to know each other, both teachers and kids. One thing that was actually positive about the pandemic was bringing out the collaborative spirit in our congregations to come together in a different way. This is also how ZOOM as a tool, has served a valuable purpose while we have been apart. It has provided us all that way we actually CAN come together.

Religious Exploration 06.20.21 (con't)

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)

Activities and events will include:

- Icebreakers and Games
- Camp Songs and Campfire
- Scavenger Hunts
- Stretching and Movement Activities
- Crafts, Poetry and Worship
- Social Justice and Small Discussion Groups
- Variety Show/Open Mic

**Live Oak
Religious Exploration**

**Time: June 20, 2021
9:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9954380524?pwd=UzZORVVKbnhBamtqT2craHE0Y255UT0>

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**Meeting ID: 995 438 0524
Password: 007564**

We will also be acknowledging our Bridging 5th graders to Junior High Camp, our 8th Graders to Senior High Camp, and 12th graders to emerging adults!

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 06.20.21

1. **Celebrate Pride Month!** Santa Barbara will not have an outdoor Pride Festival this year but will be holding events all summer to celebrate our Pride community. If you have an idea about how to celebrate without a festival, contact Jackie at www.pacificpridefoundation.org.

2. **Juneteenth Santa Barbara – June 18-19!** This is an annual event where community members come together to celebrate the freedom of African Americans in the United States. We honor our ancestors and showcase black joy and culture in Santa Barbara. This holiday is based on the day, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, when the enslaved people in Galveston, Texas were informed of their freedom and danced in the streets!
 - Wednesday through Sunday Black Artists Gallery, 833 State St, 12-7pm.
 - Saturday June 19 – 12-4 pm Black Artisan Market 833 State St.
 - Saturday June 19 – 5:30-7:30 Virtual Program with music, poetry, interviews, slideshow.

More information check for events and leaders on Instagram or the web: www.juneteenthsb.org

3. Our own Larry Bishop is being honored with **the Environmental Protection & Sustainability Award** by SBCAN (Santa Barbara County Action Network) on June 27th! Yeah, Larry! For more information: <https://www.fundforsantabarbara.org/communitycalendar/sbcans-2021-north-county-looking-forward-awards-celebration-fundraiser/>

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 6/28: Colleen Poulsen; 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.

Half Basket-Justice Ministry of California

This week our half-basket donation will go to the UU Justice Ministry of California. This is our UU organization in Sacramento and their mission is “ to advance justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities, and by empowering the public voice of those who share UU values and [principles](#).” They work in all these areas: climate and environmental justice, economic justice, healthcare, immigrant justice, racial justice and UU the Vote.

The goals of UJMC are to make sure that UUs have access to and participate in statewide justice education, advocacy, and witness that deepens their faith and changes life for the better in California; to make sure justice leaders are trained, effective, inspiring and connected; to make sure congregations have strong justice ministries; and to help policy-makers and justice leaders value UJMC as a visible and credible partner in advancing justice in California. They sponsor activities from Youth Justice camps, Immigrant Justice Action Team, to workshops and area justice events. Rev Ranwa Hammamy is the Executive Director and the leader of this ministry.

Please give generously to support this work! For more info: <https://uujmca.org/>

Live Oak Website Update

With the help of many LO Ministries, and others, our team is making good progress on developing our new website. Since we are trying to heavily incorporate photos in the site, we have obtained access to lots of photos of our activities and people over the years. Thank you to all of you who have had input. It will be very user friendly, intuitive, and BEAUTIFUL.

Our team: Mary Ince, Michael Wittman, Kristin Otte, Hana Princip, and Nansie Douglas

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows

A note to the congregation about Wilma. She had to have a surgery to correct a complication from the first surgery. The surgery went well, and she is progressing well. Ron says she deeply appreciates every card she receives.

Thank you.

From the Administrator / DRE

A request to all, to please send your Acorn material, blurbs, articles and photos to administrator@liveoakgoleta.org. Send to dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org if it is related to Religious Exploration, Message for all Ages, or kids. Please be specific if you want to guarantee that your articles get into the Acorn, and keep Steven from being confused OR another option is to always send to both.

Thank you.

Also moving forward, please know that all articles, postings, photos, etc that are more community based and not specific to Live Oak, have a maximum 3 week run in the Acorn (doesn't need to be consecutive). This is from your Coordinating Team.

Attn: Ministry/covenant group leadership, our online calendar on our current website is now enabled and can be updated. Would you please double check and make sure your listings are correct with both dates and times and send me corrections.

Much appreciated, Steven

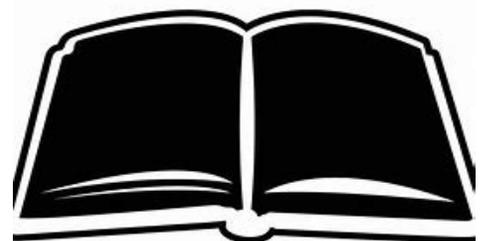
LIVE OAK BOOK GROUP RECONVENES!

We will meet on the fourth Thursday in June-Thursday, June 24 at 6 pm on the Live Oak Patio. Please bring your mask, be prepared to talk about a book you read since we last met, and we will decide on a common book for the next meeting in July. Meeting at an earlier time will give us more light since we will be outside.

In July, we will meet on the fourth Thursday, July 22.

Paula recommends the book *Caste: the Origin of our Discontent* by Isobel Wilkerson (highly recommended by many sources) and Carolyn Chaney suggests *When They Call You a Terrorist: a Black Lives Matter Memoir*, by Patrice Khan-Cullors and asha bandele, a UCSB Reads selection. Bring your own suggestions.

--Gail Boehme, Ron Kronenberg, and Paula Bagalio



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 Board approved on the recommendation of the Regathering Task Force.

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

Call for Unitarian Universalist Artists

USSB is sponsoring a one-day art show on August 14th at USSB and invite all USSB and Live Oak artists who would like to exhibit (*and sell*) their work.

All artists are invited to participate. If you are interested, contact Dana Zurzolo by July 14 at danazurzolo@gmail.com to register for the art show.

The art show is **Saturday August 14, 2021** from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Easels will be available for rent for the showing; all sales split between artist and the USSB; artists will need to be present or have a representative present for them.

Announcements



MEET SUKI.. Lisl's beloved cat, Suki, needs a new home! She is seven years old, in good health and needs a loving home quickly. **Please contact Alison @ 805-729-0308**

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



After living in a studio apartment attached to his office for the past year, Frank is eager to find a house or condo to buy. It's a terrible time to be looking! There is almost nothing available. Santa Barbara is a preferred location, but he is looking as far away as Ventura and hopes to find something with a garage for his bike, boogie board and kayak, and space for a vegetable garden. **Please keep us in mind if you become aware of anyone who wants to sell a property.**

Thank you!! Carrie Topliffe

Mary Ince is part of the Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art Exhibition. Her three pieces reflect the continuing series of The Visual Interpretation of Contemporary Music works she has been working on for 15 years.



WESTMONT RIDLEY-TREE MUSEUM of ART

Westmont College • Adams Center for the Visual Arts
955 La Paz Road • Santa Barbara, CA 93108

AT THE EDGES:

Tri-County Juried Exhibition

May 20 - June 19, 2021 museum@westmont.edu



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Live Music Is Back - Come Hear The Nombres!

One aspect of the pandemic that was hard for many of us was not being able to hear live music. Well, that has changed now with the relaxing of COVID restrictions. If you're someone who has missed the opportunity to go out to hear music, then now is the time to change that. Live Oak member Carter Morgan and his band, The Nombres, will be playing two times in the upcoming weeks. They'd love to have you join in the fun on:

Friday, June 25 from 7:00-10:00 at Old Town Coffee - 5877 Hollister Ave. This will be the third time that The Nombres have played there, and it's a great venue. There is a large and open outdoor patio with tables set up for social distancing; and if you are so inclined, there is also space for dancing to The Nombres' rock and country numbers.



Sunday, July 4 from 2:00-4:00 at the 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.

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

Earth-Based Ministry - Happy Solstice

Blessed Solstice!

Father Sun's day and Father's Day are both this Sunday, June 20th. May the sun shine upon you, all love surround you, and the pure light within you guide your way! Live Oak Congregation's Earth Based Ministry sends an informational and inspirational message on Solstices, Equinoxes and the cross-quarters. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these, please email jnorthsinger@gmail.com.

