

The Acorn

June 24, 2022

This Week's Events and Meetings

Save the Date:

deBenneville Cluster Retreat Weekend is back with a new weekend!

October 14-16, 2022

For the health and safety of all, there will be only 77 spaces available to those fully vaccinated, and with a negative rapid test the day they leave to go to camp.

Come commune, worship, hike, create, bring music and life experiences to the mountain and return home refreshed, relaxed and alive with the mountain air. More details to come, stay tuned.

Questions?
Email sharon.damerell@gmail.com.



UUA General Assembly Opening Worship Service

Please join us at 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM, either in the Live Oak sanctuary or on Zoom as Unitarian Universalists across the country gather to watch our General Assembly's opening service live from Portland, Oregon.

Sunday June 26
9:30 AM Worship Service H
General Assembly Opening Service H (note time)

Monday June 27
9:00 AM Yoga V
7:00 PM Covenant Group V

Tuesday June 28
9:00 AM Yoga
3:30 PM Rental-Sloane FH
7:00 PM Sangha V

Wednesday June 29
9:00 AM Yoga V
9:00 AM Acorn deadline
10:00 AM Membership V

Thursday June 30
9:00 AM Yoga V
3:30 PM Rental-Sloane FH

Friday July 1
9:00 AM Yoga V
10:30 AM Hookers and Needlers

Saturday July 2

Sunday July 3
9:30 AM Worship Service H
General Assembly Opening Service

V=Virtual
LO= Live Oak Campus
S=Sanctuary
FH= Fellowship Hall
C=Cottage
O=Off Campus
H-Hybrid =(both live and virtual)

Artwork: Unknown

Worship Service 06.19.22

Sunday Morning Worship: June 26, 2022 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

The Deal on Those Days, General Assembly 2022

Order of Service

- **Ingathering Songs** Led by Alison King, with Melissa Sky-Eagle on piano, and the GA Band - Michael Backus, guitar, John Wulcott, bass, Casey Anderson, drums
 - **We Give Thanks**
 - **Wake Now My Senses**
 - **Siyahamba**
 - **Rivers of Grace**
 - **Come and Go With Me**
 - **Call to Worship** Revs. Gretchen Haley, Shari Halliday-Quan, and Sean Neil-Barron
 - **Choral Anthem—“The Storm is Passing Over”** Charles Albert Tindley/arr. Barbara W. Baker Choral Direction by Alison King, with Melissa Sky-Eagle on piano
 - **Chalice Lighting** Aimee, Mikyka'ela, Iyara and Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons
 - **Holding / Held** Rev. Shari Halliday-Quan Adam Podd, arrangement and piano
 - **“Rock Me (Divine Mother)”** by Ana Egge and Gary Nicholson
 - **Spoken Word & Visual Reflection—“Because Church”** Rev. Sean Neil-Barron
 - **Musical Response—“Abide With Me”** Traditional Lyrics by William Henry Monk with arrangement/new lyrics by Rev. Christopher Watkins Lamb Piano by Melissa Sky-Eagle, spoken word from Lea Morris, Casey Anderson, drums
 - **Story—“Partners”** Rabbi Marc Gellman, used by permission of the author Original artwork by Steve Sedam Voice over by Michael Cruz Video animation by Elliot Cennamo
 - **Sermon—“The Deal On Those Days”** Rev. Gretchen Haley

**Live Oak Sunday Worship
June 26, 2022 9:30 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 06.19.22

- o **Choral Anthem—“You Will Be Found”** *Benj Pasek & Justin Paul/arr. Mac Huff, Hal Leonard Choral Direction by Alison King, with Melissa Sky-Eagle on piano, and the GA band*

Special Collection

ECRCP builds grassroots leadership within East Multnomah County to create an equitable, inclusive, and livable community centered on the needs of the most underrepresented and marginalized residents. It aims to advance policies that improve the lives of Black, Indigenous, and communities of color with an intersectional framework of race, gender, sexuality, immigration status, age, disability, class, and lived experiences.

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Offering—East County Rising Community Projects

Offering invited by Rev. Shari Halliday-Quan

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- **Offertory** *Lea Morris, vocals and Adam Podd, piano, and the GA Band*
- o **“With a Little Help from My Friends”** *Lennon and McCartney*
- o **“Heart Wide Open”** *Lea Morris*
- o **Gratefulness** *Revs. Gretchen Haley and Sean Neil-Barron*
- o **Closing Song—“There is More Love Somewhere”** *Traditional Spiritual Arrangement by Adam Podd*
- o **Benediction** *Rev. Gretchen Haley*

Postlude

Additional Credits

Deep gratitude to Nancy Bowen, Julica Hermann de la Fuente, Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Kimberly Quinn Johnson, Tandi Rogers, Nathan Ryan, Victoria Safford, Rebekah Savage, and Taryn Strauss for ongoing dialogue and feedback connected to this service and its themes. And thank you to Brett Lewis for your constant support, and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray for the invitation, and for your courageous and steadfast leadership.

Please join us for social time immediately after the service

Upcoming Service

July 3

The Gift of the White Belt

Kendra Wise

In many martial arts traditions, a white belt signifies that the wearer is a novice -- a beginner. While we value and reward developing expertise in an activity, there is also much to be gained from embracing the experience of being a beginner. Join Live Oak member Kendra Wise as she shares a personal tale of being a beginner and how the challenges, joys and opportunities of starting something new can help us on our journey of spiritual growth.

Social Justice Upcoming Activities 06.24.22

June is LGBTQ+ Month!

1. **June 24-** Join the UUs of Redwood City (Carolyn's former congregation) in a film series. Watch the films before this date and show up for the discussions at 7 pm on zoom. RSVP for the zoom link: pbfilippo@gmail.com.
2. **June 24-28 – Making Movements-Showing up for Racial Justice**, 9-5, \$150 for the week, <https://fundforsantabarbara.org/event/making-movements-week-1-showing-up-for-racial-justice/>
3. **June 26** - Justice and Engagement Summer Series – Environmental Protection, at Trinity Episcopal, <https://indivisiblesb.org/events/justice-and-engagement-summer-series-environmental-protection/>
4. **Get out the Vote**-Florida voters need support: We are reaching out to 1.2 million registered-but-infrequent Black voters in Florida and mailing the cards between August 1 and August 8. Addresses, scripts and post-cards with everything you need, except the stamps, are available now. (Some stamps available if you need help with that.) Let me know how many cards you can write between now and August 8 and I'll make up your packet. It's fine to share this with your friends...let's continue to do what we can. Contact Carolyn at cchaney@sfsu.edu.
5. **Helping the survivors of the gun violence tragedies.**
Buffalo: <https://www.buffalotogetherfund.org/>
Uvalde, TX: The First State Bank of Uvalde has set up an account for donations. You can send checks to Robb School Memorial Fund, PO Box 1908, Uvalde, TX 78802, more info 830-356-2273 **-Submitted by Jan Ross**

Pastoral Care over Summer

For Pastoral Care needs over the summer, please first contact your Pastoral Care Ministry member (the one who contacts you periodically for check-ins). If you cannot reach them, or cannot remember who they might be, there is a member of the Live Oak Pastoral Care ministry who will serve as the main contact each week.

Week of 6/20: Priscilla Marchus

6/27: Sylvia Sullivan

7/4: Roberta Weissglass

7/11: Priscilla Marchus

7/18: Cecilia Ramirez

7/25: Elaine Sears

8/1: Sylvia Sullivan

8/8: Cecilia Ramirez

8/15: Colleen Poulsen

8/22: Colleen Poulsen

-Submitted by Rev. Tamara

Updating Live Oak Directory

The Live Oak Directory is in the Members section of our new web site, www.liveoakgoleta.org. Please look under the tab "Member Dashboard" and NOT under "Member Directory". Please look at your listing on our Directory to make sure it is accurate, with current email, address, and phone number. If you see any errors or something has changed, please let Priscilla Marchus know at pmarchus1@gmail.com, and copy administrator@liveoakgoleta.org as well. We'll upload the updated directory with any corrections this summer. Thank you

-Submitted by Priscilla Marchus

New Administrator Hours/Acorn Deadline

NEW HOURS!! Through summer,.....

Steven/Admin hours are **9:00 AM-12:00 PM Monday thru Friday**.....AND Through summer, new Acorn deadline is **9:00 AM on Wednesday**.

Please note these dates and times. Thank you so much, Steven

Deal on Those Days GA Service Description

The last few years have not been easy, including in our local congregations. Whole swaths of members have simply stopped coming; COVID is confusing, and polarizing; many ministers have joined the great resignation; and Pew studies and friends alike have pronounced the end of the local church.

In this moment, when so many of us might be wondering if we should just give up, and relent, now's the time instead to double down on our commitment to the local church -this unique community that saves us and also breaks our hearts - often much more of the latter than we'd like to admit. In the midst of our culture of death, the church is a place of life. Or it is, as long as we are willing to bring our own lives to it. Join us for a morning of celebration, witness, and future-visioning for the already and not yet power of the local Unitarian Universalist church.

Leading us in worship will be Rev. Gretchen Haley, Rev. Shari Halliday-Quan, Rev. Sean Neil-Barron, Lea Morris, Adam Podd, Joseph and Aimee Santos-Lyons, and Allison King with the GA Choir. *-Submitted by Megan Moyer*

Updated Live Oak Gathering Protocol-1

Updated April 21, 2022

- 1. Please stay home if you're sick, such as running a temperature, having cold-like symptoms, or have been exposed to Covid.**
2. Each meeting host (or Sunday Welcome Team) is responsible for asking participants if they are vaccinated and boosted. Only vaccinated/ boosted individuals should be meeting in person.
3. All gatherings should provide a remote option for any member wishing to attend via phone or Zoom.
4. Each meeting host is responsible for asking participants if they have recently been exposed to someone with Covid and/or if they have any symptoms.
5. Meeting outdoors is highly recommended. If members of the group choose to meet indoors, use the sanctuary following the heating/cooling instructions that have been placed by the HVAC controls or other well-ventilated room with windows and doors open.

Updated Live Oak Gathering Protocol-2

6. All must wear highly protective masks (N95s strongly encouraged), except Worship Leaders who have tested ahead, while indoors on our Live Oak campus, as well as maintain social distancing, and observe hand hygiene.
7. Singing in Sunday service, with masks on, is allowed.
8. For small group meetings, please use restroom in Farmhouse closest to the kitchen and use the supplied items to clean up after yourself. Our cleaning service is only on-site every other week.

This protocol is subject to change as conditions change.

Thank you from your Board of Trustees: Larry Bishop, Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki, Hal Hill, Mary Johnson, Ron Kronenberg, Wendy Morgan, Megan Moyer (President), Tekka Penteriche

Social Justice/Climate Justice Film Club

You're Invited! Let's join the Conscientious Projector Social Justice/Climate Justice Film Club and Discussion Group, sponsored by the UU Fellowship of Redwood City Social Action Committee.

Mission: Through the art and media of film to expand our hearts, minds, and vision in the areas of Social justice and Climate justice as individuals, families, and community.

Format: About once a month a full-length film and complimentary short(s) will be suggested for participants to watch on their own. Later in the month, participants will have the opportunity of coming together, virtually or in person when able, to participate in a discussion group about the films. At times questions will be offered to help guide the discussion. Volunteer "Facilitators" will choose the topic and the films and help to facilitate the subsequent discussion group.

Our First Event: Roseville, Tulsa. Watch the films in June and we will meet on zoom to discuss Friday evening June 24 at 7 PM. The Films: Watch them in order. 1. The CNN Documentary: Dreamland: The Burning of Black Wall Street. It is available on HBO Max and YouTube: <https://youtu.be/oJbF9SGB3Yk> 2. And to follow, a short YouTube testimony around current BLM Protest sentiment: "How Can We Win" https://youtu.be/sb9_qGOa9Go

RSVP for the zoom link: pbfilippo@gmail.com. And let me know if you plan to attend and I'll send discussion questions.

-Submitted by Carolyn Chaney

Live Oak June Birthdays

Susan Braden
6/1

Gloria Liggett
6/4

Finn McCauley
6/5

Steven Lovelace
6/6

Chris Noddings
6/28

Photo Gallery



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SHELLEY EMILY KINGSBURY

Aids Walk

TOP: Priscilla and Glen out for his birthday.

Center L: Pink moon from Goleta Pier, Photo: Priscilla

Center R: Priscilla's cat Rummy befriending the cat planter.

BOTTOM: Wilma's archives, Live Oak always offers Steven surprises when he sees old friends in the congregational archives. Love the Kingsburys, Emily & Shellye

