

# The Acorn

May 27, 2022

This Week's Events  
and Meetings

## BITZ OF BIZNESS @ LIVE OAK

### MONITORS

Still needing  
Monitors and this is  
a paid position.  
Next monitor train-  
ing on **Thursday  
May 26, 2:30-3:30.**  
We need a monitor  
on June 4 from  
12:00-3:00.

### COVID INFO VIDEO:

Thank you Roberta,  
for this video, a  
covid update.  
Check it out...  
[https://youtu.be/XeWA  
GOWgGzo](https://youtu.be/XeWAGOWgGzo)

### CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET HEARING:

Please hang around  
after service this  
Sunday for our An-  
nual Budget meet-  
ing. Should start  
around 11:15 AM.



## Life is a Puzzle

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

Many of you know that a recent joy  
of mine is building jigsaw puzzles.  
Today we explore the process of  
puzzle building as an analogy for  
building our lives, piece by piece,  
as we seek to answer the core  
questions of a spiritual life well lived.

### Sunday May 29

10:00 AM Worship Service H  
11:15 AM Congregational  
Budget Hearing H

### Monday May 30

**9:00 AM Yoga V**  
6:00 PM Board Meeting

### Tuesday May 31

**9:00 AM Yoga V**  
1:00 PM Staff Mtg V  
3:30 PM Rental-Sloane FH  
7:00 PM Sangha V

### Wednesday June 1

**9:00 AM Yoga V**  
11:00 AM Membership V  
**12:00 PM Acorn deadline**  
7:00 PM Covenant Group S

### Thursday June 2

**9:00 AM Yoga V**  
3:30 PM Rental-Sloane FH  
7:00 PM Facilities V

### Friday June 3

**9:00 AM Yoga V**  
10:30 AM Hookers and  
Needlers V

### Saturday June 4

11:00 AM Tech Rehearsal VS  
12:00 PM Amy Hagen Recital

### Sunday June 5

10:00 AM Worship Service H  
11:15 AM Town Hall Mtg H

V=Virtual

LO= Live Oak Campus

S=Sanctuary

FH= Fellowship Hall

C=Cottage

O=Off Campus

H-Hybrid =(both live and virtual)

Artist: unknown

# Worship Service 05.29.22

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta

Order of Service

May 29, 2022

*Life is a Puzzle*

Worship Service by the Reverend Tamara Casanova Suzuki

A/V support: Michael Wittman, Eric Schug, Marty Jenkins; Tech support:  
Drew Carter

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

**Prelude** ~ *Gonna Build a Mountain* John Douglas & Carter Morgan  
Words & music: Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley (from *Stop the World – I Want to Get Off*)

**Welcome Song** ~ *Where Do We Come From?* #1003  
Words: Paul Gaugin and Brian Tate; music: Brian Tate

**Welcome** Megan Moyer, Worship Associate

**Chalice Lighting**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Song** ~ *Our World is One World* #134  
Words and music: Cecily Taylor

**Message for All Ages** Steven Lovelace, Director of Religious Exploration

**Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**

**Meditation**

# Worship Service 05.29.22

## Congregational Response ~ *All This Joy*

Words and music: John Denver

## Homily *Life is a Puzzle*

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

## Musical Response ~ *Each Drop of Falling Rain*

John

Words & music: John E. Douglas

## Sharing in Stewardship

## Closing Song ~ *Woyaya #1020*

Words and music: Loughy Amoa, Soloman Amarfio, Robert Bailey, Roy Bedeau, Francis Osai, Whendell Richardson, and Mac Tontoh

## Benediction/ Chalice Extinguishing

## Postlude ~ *The Logical Song*

John & Carter

Words & music: Rick Davies & Roger Hodgson

*All are invited to our Congregational Budget Hearing, both on Zoom and in the sanctuary, directly following the service.*



**Live Oak Sunday Worship**  
**May 29, 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/j/a3HkXnuGD>



## Upcoming Service

**June 5**      *Born to Be a Blessing*

**Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki**

Walking wholeheartedly and mindfully through life can be a challenge. Fortunately, each of us is born to be a blessing: to ourselves, to others, to our world. Today we spend some time reflecting on seeing ourselves as blessings in the world and how we might cultivate this spiritual stance.

## Social Justice Upcoming Activities 05.27.22

**Social Justice Upcoming Activities 5/27/22**

**Let's help strengthen our democracy, and help everyone be a part of it,  
"One Voice, One Vote!"**

- 1. Helping the survivors of the Buffalo tragedy.**  
<https://www.buffalotogetherfund.org/>
- 2. June 5, Green and Blue: A Coastal Celebration,** Environmental Defense Center, 2-6 at Stow House, info: call (805) 963-1622 x103 or  
<http://www.EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.org/gb/>
- 3. June 13, PFLAG Support Group for LGBTQ+ and families, 7pm**

**The Center for Common Ground (Reclaim Our Vote)** has a postcard writing campaign to reach voters of color in NC, CA, GA & AL before the Primaries. See more at [centerforcommonground.org](http://centerforcommonground.org). If you would enjoy postcard writing contact Carolyn Chaney for postcards and addresses. [RSVP HERE](#)

**June 7 – Vote in person or by mail before! Important issues on this ballot!**

*Submitted by Jan Ross*

## In Memoriam: Helen Gordon

### Save the date

The Memorial Celebration of Life service for Live Oak member Helen Gordon will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. The service will be multiplatform with the option of attending either on Zoom or in the sanctuary.

## Updated Live Oak Gathering Protocol

*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.
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), Teka Penteriche

## Live Oak Town Hall Meeting

Live Oak Members and friends, we will be holding a Town Hall Meeting to be held after service on Sunday, May 29, around 11:15 AM. We truly hope you can join us. Thank you.



## Ukrainian Refugees in SB

We want to let the Live Oak community know about two Ukrainian refugees that a mutual friend of Mary Johnson and myself (Paula Bagalio) are sponsoring. Their names are Anna and Kostya and they are from Irpin just outside of Kyiv. They lost everything, (home, business, car), but made it safely to the US through Tijuana. They stayed with a university colleague of Anna's in LA, then came to check out Santa Barbara and loved it.

Anna (age 31) is a film director and Kostya (age 33) is a microelectronics engineer and woodworker. The only reason Kostya was able to leave Ukraine is that he was denied medical clearance for the military. Anna speaks good English, Kostya is learning fast and plans to take ESL classes. They have been doing Door Dash deliveries to make money while they are working on finishing their documentation for living/working in the US for up to a year.

They are fun, energetic, hard-working young people. We are trying to help them network. If you, or anyone you know, has any connections that might be helpful to them, as they look for jobs, activities, new friends, etc., please contact their sponsor Kim Finegold whose email address is below. If you are looking to hire house sitters, pet sitters, etc., please consider hiring them. They are very responsible, clean, bright, personable, nonsmokers who love pets (they had to leave their 3 cats in Romania).

Here is the contact information for their sponsor who will get your information to them.

[kfinegold73@gmail.com](mailto:kfinegold73@gmail.com). Thanks Paula and Mary

## SB Wildlife Care Network Request

There is an emergency situation at SB Wildlife Care Network and here is how we can all help. They are in need of old sheets, blankets, towels, etc. If you can, drop off there at 1410 N. Fairview at their home base, or my home at 3866 Calle Cita, SB.

Thank you so much, Kristin Ingalls.

## Admin Needs

**Monitor Training Meeting** Thursday June 2, 2:30-3:30 PM. This is a paid position.

**The Acorn:** Would be good to have 2-3 folks that know how to work on the Acorn, so Steven doesn't have to take it with him on vacation.

Contact Steven [administrator@liveoakgoleta.org](mailto:administrator@liveoakgoleta.org) -Submitted by Steven Lovelace



# Live Oak late-May/early June Birthdays

**Carrie Topliffe**  
5/20

**Kendra Wise**  
5/22

**Thomas Hall**  
5/25

**Susan Braden**  
6/1

**Gloria Liggett**  
6/4

**Finn McCauley**  
6/5

**Steven Lovelace**  
6/6

# Photo Gallery



# Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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**TOP:** Wilma's latest contribution circa '93

**MIDDLE:** Carter and Wendy, smiling while they work! That's why we love them!

**BOTTOM L:** Janet offers a photo of a perky pelican

**BOTTOM R:** Ahhh...Coming of Age memories, Aidan and Finn, surely not babies anymore. Photo: Melanie

