

The Acorn

Borders of Compassion

Last spring, members of the Interfaith Sanctuary Alliance — including 4 UU's from the downtown congregation — went on a trip across the border to Mexicali under the auspices of the non-profit, Borders of Compassion, to bring supplies to the La Cobina migrant shelter. Join us to hear from 2 of those travelers about how this work has impacted them, and how our faith communities can continue to build relationships of compassion and solidarity with the migrant community.



October 14, 2022



Borders of Compassion **Anna DiStefano and Deborah Karoff**

The service description was so compelling and a bit long, so it is in the column on the left. Enjoy it and hope to see you Sunday for Anna and Deborah's service. Blessings!

This Week's Events and Meetings

Sunday October 16

10:00 AM Worship Service H
3:00 PM Adama Dance S

Monday October 17

9:00 AM Yoga V
1:30 PM Covenant Group FH

Tuesday October 18

9:00 AM Yoga V
7:00 PM Sangha V

Wednesday October 19

9:00 AM Yoga V
9:00 AM Acorn deadline
7:00 PM Cov Group Facilitators V

Thursday October 20

9:00 AM Yoga V
3:30 PM Rental-Sloane FH
5:30 PM Covenant Group C

Friday October 21

9:00 AM Yoga V
10:30 AM Hookers and Needlers V
All-day Hutchins Wedding

Saturday October 22

11:00 AM Tech Rehearsal H
All-day Hutchins Wedding

Sunday October 23

10:00 AM Worship Service H
3:00 PM Adama Dance S

Artist: Ron Klotchman



Worship Service 10.16.22

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Order of Service October 16, 2022

Borders of Compassion

Anna DiStefano and Deb Karoff

A/V Support: Eric Schug; Tech Support: S. Krystal McCauley

Music for Gathering

John Douglas, Music Director

Prelude ~You Are Welcome Here

words and music by Marty Parks

Live Oak Choir

Welcome Song ~Come, Come Whoever You Are #188

words adapted from Rumi, music by Lynn Adair Ungar

Welcome

Drew Carter, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

A Prayer for Immigrants by Jessica Vasquez Torres

Source of Life who is known by many names;

Over-turner and illuminator of hearts;

We gather with gratitude for the earth and all who journey in it.

We give thanks for the interconnectedness of all creation.

Support for those without support;

Stronghold of those without protection.

We declare openly the times we have fallen short

From living out the call to justice our sacred stories place upon us;

From recognizing the whole of creation as an extension of our being;

From hearing the plight of the creation yearning for justice;

From seeing the harm our way of life and our policies inflict upon the creation.

Call to Worship

Anna DiStefano

Opening Hymn ~Our World is One World #134

words and music by Cecily Taylor

Food Collection

Message for All Ages

Deborah Karoff

Worship Service 10.16.22

Joys and Sorrows

Meditation

Silent Meditation

Meditation Musical Response ~ Spirit of Life/Fuente de Amor #123
words and music by Carolyn McDade

Homily Anna DiStefano – *Immigrant Stories*
Deborah Karoff – *Reflection*

Musical Response ~ *Gracias a La Vida* Violetta Parra with Joan Baez

Sharing in Stewardship

Half Basket – *Borders of Compassion*

Closing Hymn ~ *Lean on Me* #1021
words and music by Bill Withers

Benediction

Postlude ~ *Wayfaring Stranger*
traditional American folk song

Nansie Douglas

Please join us after service for our Social hour, both live and virtual



Live Oak Sunday Worship
October 16, 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

October 24

Lars and the Real Community
Rev. Anne Felton Hines

What does a comedy about a man and his life-size blow-up doll have to do with religious community? All will be revealed!

Rev. Hines has begun serving quarter-time as our other Contract Minister, along with Rev. Carolyn Price. She is Minister Emerita of Emerson UU Church in Canoga Park. She retired after over 30 years of UU parish ministry, all within our Pacific Southwest District. Since retiring she has served a couple of other congregations as Interim or Consulting minister. She also serves on the Boards of the Southern California affiliate and the San Fernando Chapter of the ACLU; is active with Brady United to End Gun Violence; and volunteers with Ten Thousand Villages, a Fair Trade store in Pasadena. In her spare time she participates in a memoir-writing group; studies piano; and spends as much time as possible with her family and her little dog, Lucy.

-Submitted by Kendra Wise

Social Justice Upcoming Activities 10.14.22

1. **October 23, Bread & Roses Fundraiser** for the Fund for Santa Barbara, 1-4 pm at Elings Park. The Fund works very effectively for Economic, Environmental, Political, Racial and Social Justice in SB. For more information or tickets: <https://fundforsantabarbara.org/bread-and-roses-2022/>
2. **November 6, "Collaborating for Justice,"** Fall CLUE SB Workshop, 2-4 pm at Unitarian Society of SB, and also on zoom. This is free but you must register. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clue-sb-collaborating-for-justice-fall-workshop-tickets-427431538237?mc_cid=19137ab4f7&mc_eid=81e01c68c1
3. **November 10, Election Day,** Return your mail-in ballot to a secure ballot drop box by 8 pm. Please vote! It is our right and our responsibility to keep our country a democracy.

-Submitted by Jan Ross



Council of Chairs-Wed. Oct. 26

We're holding a Council of Chairs meeting **Wednesday, October 26, in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm.** This format gives the ministries, committees, teams and programs an opportunity to come together to share accomplishments, plans and needs with other groups. This way we work together in a supportive and informed way for the work of the congregation.

Each ministry or committee should send the chair or a representative to present in a concise way: what their group has been doing recently; share future plans and calendar event dates; and ask for any help or explain problems the group might be able to help with. There will be Zoom support if you are unable to come in person. Look for an email invitation coming soon. Questions? Call, text or email Coordinating Team Member, Kristin Otte.

Sunday Coffee, Anyone?

If you enjoyed this past Sunday's social hour with ORGANIC FAIR TRADE coffee and teas, please consider offering to help. We can return to making this an every-Sunday event once we get at least 10 people to sign up to either make coffee at 9:30 or clean-up after the social hour. Training will be provided and it's much easier now that we have access to the little kitchen down in the Fellowship Hall." If you would like to volunteer for once a month...or when your calendar permits, please let Paul Mocker know at paul.mocker@gmail.com

-Submitted by Pat Johnson

Greeters and Table Hosts Needed

Can you help out on some Sundays, maybe once a month? We need **greeters and table hosts** to meet newcomers, greet old and new friends, and show friendly faces on Sunday mornings. Greeters also take up the collection during the service. Table hosts have a bit more responsibility, so we'll be offering some training after services in a few weeks. If you would enjoy greeting people, let me know. Our greeters and table hosts are the first people that newcomers meet, and are so, so important to keeping our congregation vibrant and healthy. It makes people happy!

-Submitted by Carolyn Chaney



A Message from Pastoral Care

A Message from Pastoral Care:

During this transitional time at Live Oak, the Pastoral Care Ministry is also going through major changes. Instead of checking in with specific members of the congregation, Priscilla Marchus, Cecilia Ramirez, Wilma Seelye, Laurette Valentine and Debra Rodgers are available to take your calls if you have a pastoral care concern. As the board works on hiring an interim, and then a settled minister, Priscilla, Cecilia, Wilma, Laurette and Debra will be loving and compassionate conduits between the minister, the board and the congregation.

If you have an illness or death in the family and need assistance, please contact one of them. If you need someone to listen, please feel free to call one of them. Their contact information is in the Directory on the website in the Members Only section under Member Dashboard. While it is best to call a member of the Pastoral Care team directly, you can alternatively contact the Live Oak Administrator at administrator@liveoakgoleta.org or 805.967.7867 and ask to have a Pastoral Care team member call you.

-Submitted by Debra Rodgers

Thanks for Supporting Planned Parenthood!

Through the sale of books, media, and puzzles/games the book sale raised \$195K beating last year by more than \$40K. With Sponsorships, donations, and opening night sales the PP volunteers raised over \$255k! With Amazon and outside sales we are looking at another record breaking fiscal year! The funds are really needed, since clients are coming to PP from other states. Our Central Coast PP has added another full-time physician and several nurses to handle the increased caseload. So let's continue our support.

-Submitted by Carolyn Chaney

Thank you from Steven

My dearest Live Oak,

I am not sure how to thank everyone for that amazing evening. I feel so valued, and it was really a perfect tribute. The food was great, loved the cake and please know that it is BLISS that Greg and I are aiming for.

I also want you all to know that the performance was a complete surprise, thanks to Marie, and the whole Live Oak Family for such a sweet evening. It will be alive in me the rest of my days. Please know how moved I am. I love you all. -Steven



Facilities Ministry

Whether the folks serving to keep Live Oak's campus operational are a team, a committee, or a ministry is entirely up to you, but we need your support. For the two years our campus was effectively closed, this ministry remained busy and productive. During the shut down, facilities had our buildings painted. It improved the heating and ventilation system by upgrading our air filters to MERV 13 filters, specifically designed to eliminate circulation of airborne microbes and modified it to use 100% outdoor air and eliminate the recirculation of indoor air. The major improvements to our campus make the myriad of smaller ongoing improvements sometimes hard to notice, even when the improvements are meant to be seen. For example the addition of the banner at the front of the Farmhouse to announce our online presence and the relocation of our Live Oak sign just miraculously occurred and seem always to have been so. Who among you noticed the new emergency lighting on our exit sign in the Fellowship Hall? In the event of a power failure, we will all be grateful it is there. This dedicated group keeps the AV equipment functional, replaces faucets, maintains the grounds, replaces light bulbs, and guards against termites and rodents. If you have plumbing skills, are confident working around electricity, or are tech savvy, there is a place for you in this vital ministry. Even if you have no such skills, but have willing hands and a dedication to the wellbeing of Live Oak, we can use you.

Currently the team consists of Larry Bishop, Curt Nehring, Jim Pearson, Eric Schug, and Michael Wittman. If you would like to join us, please contact any of us. If joining this committee feels like too much of a commitment, but you are willing to help with specific tasks please also reach out to us. You don't have to be an electrician, plumber, carpenter, painter, gardener, or IT engineer to join, but if you have skills in any of these areas that you might donate to Live Oak we would love to hear from you. There are many ongoing operations tasks that require your support. Working with others to maintain this sacred space strengthens our community while it enhances the appeal of Live Oak to others as yet unacquainted with us. Join us.








Please Contact

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Announcements

-  **Mask wearing on the Live Oak** Campus is now optional due to low infection rates in our area. This will be re-evaluated if area infection rates increase. From your Board of Trustees.
-  **Kristin Otte** has artwork in a show at The Carpinteria Art Center on Linden. The show is called "The Thread." You can view the work at the gallery in person and on line virtually at the link. <https://carpinteriaartscenter.org/> . Show runs from September 2-October 16.
-  **Ministries:** Please have your ministry/committee members register for the "Members Only" section of our website. Check out your ministry page and join it. When you join the website, you also get a "Member Profile" page of your own. Communications can be done through your ministry and profiles.
-  **The Channel City Camera Club** has a showing through Oct 29 at the Goleta Public Library, 500 N. Fairview. If you go, you will see work by Barbara Hodgdon and Carrie Topliffe. Should be good!!
-  **The Members Only** section of the website has the Power Point presentation that Kendra Wise created to show the results of the Listening Circle gatherings our members did in August. If you missed the September Town Hall meeting, you will want to see this. If you are having a hard time getting into Members Only, contact Steven.
-  **Religious Exploration Update:** If your big children are in seventh grade up, Live Oak and USSB have combined efforts. Youth Group meets Sunday from 11:30-1:30. If enough teens from Live Oak show up, we can take turns with meeting places. For younger students under 12 or sixth grade and under, Live Oak is looking to hire an RE Coordinator. In the meantime, Steven is around most Sundays and we can get sung out and go do something fun. For questions regarding Youth Group, contact Charla at charla@ussb.org. and for the under 12 set, contact Steven at dresteven@liveoakgoleta.org.
-  **Conscientious Projector Film Club** October film, *Inequality For All*, a film that follows former Labor Secretary Robert Reich and addresses our current economic system, politics and social justice. **Zoom Link** <https://zoom.us/j/94849605173?pwd=RDJnRTZBZk9WbkM3QTc5OWVqRkJLdz09> (no password). Also can be view free on FreeVee Channel.



Live Oak October Birthdays

Phil Norvell
10/7

Rebecca Cabeen
10/17

Peter Haslund
10/19

Carter Morgan
10/19

Jeanne Northsinger
10/19

Barry Osborne
10/19

Riley Drayton
10/23

S. Krystal McCauley
10/23

Sue Dixon
10/25

Elaine Harbison
10/27

Photo Gallery



Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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TOP: From our Archives, thank you, Wilma! The day we became a "Welcoming Congregation". WOO HOO!!

CENTER: Are we not BLESSED to have this man bringing us music? John Douglas, the "real live" Music Man!! Thank you so much Mr. Douglas, you are cherished!! AND appreciated

BOTTOM: Introductions are in order! Meet Evelyn Rose, my beautiful grand daughter. She had a rough almost first year, but the last few months she has flourished and will be coming home soon. She is a precious angel. XO Steven