

The Acorn

For Today's Animal Blessing Service:

All are welcome to have your animal companion near your computer or device for our Zoom service OR to have a photo or representative stuffed animal with you.

Also, all are welcome to have a photo of a beloved animal who is no longer living with you this morning as we will have a special time to remember the animals we hold dear.

-Rev Tamara

September 24, 2021



Blessing of the Animals

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

Join us for this very special multigenerational service to bless the animals with whom we share and have shared our lives.

This Week's Events and Meetings

Sunday Sept 26

NO Religious Exploration
10:00AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Town Hall Meeting

Monday Sept 27

9:00 AM [Yoga](#)
7:00 PM Covenant Group

Tuesday Sept 28

9:00 AM [Yoga](#)
5:00 PM RE Council

Wednesday Sept 29

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

Thursday Sept 30

9:00 AM [Yoga](#)

Friday Oct 1

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

Saturday Oct 2

11:00 AM Tech Rehearsal

Sunday Oct 3

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

(ALL MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL
RIGHT NOW)

[Google Calendar - September
2021](#)

Artist: Juli Cady Ryan

Worship Service 09.26.21**Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta****Order of Service****September 26, 2021*****Blessings of the Animals*****Worship Service by the Reverend Tamara Casanova Suzuki****A/V support: Marty Jenkins; Tech support: Drew Carter****Music for Gathering** (*begins at 9:50 a.m.*)

John Douglas, Music Director

Prelude ~ *How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?*

Nansie Douglas

Words and music: Bob Merrill

Welcome Song ~ *Morning Has Broken* #38

Words: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Gaelic melody

Welcome

Gloria Liggett, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting**Call to Worship****Opening Song** ~ *B-I-N-G-O*

Folk song of unknown origin

Message for All Ages

Gloria Liggett

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**Remembering Beloved Animal Companions**

Worship Service 09.26.21

Meditation

Congregational Response ~ *Spirit of Life/ Fuente de Amor* #123

Words and music: Carolyn McDade

Blessing of the Animals

Musical Response ~ *Bless the Beasts and the Children*

Nansie Douglas-

Words and music: Barry DeVorzon & Perry Botkin, Jr.

Sharing in Stewardship

Closing Song ~ *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky* #203 (vs 1-3)

Words: attributed to St. Francis of Assisi; Music: From *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang*

Benediction/Chalice Extinguishing

Postlude ~ *Kitties Make Us Smile*

Nansie Douglas-

Words: Nansie Douglas; Music: John Enrico Douglas

Five-minute break and then all are invited to re-gather for our Town Hall.

**Live Oak Sunday Worship
September 26, 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>



Upcoming Services

October 3

Rev. Carolyn Price

We look forward to welcoming Live Oak's first Ministerial Student Intern, Rev. Carolyn Price, back to our pulpit. Hope to see you Sunday Oct. 3 and give Rev. Carolyn a proper Live Oak welcome and help her feel right at home.

Please join us!

Social Justice Upcoming Activities 09.26.21

Sept 24, Friday at 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Fearless Grandmothers join with youth to Rally Against Exxon Oil Trucking Proposal. Meet at the SB County Administration Building at the corner of Anacapa and Anapamu, rally there, then march to De La Guerra Plaza.

****Sept 29th SB County Planning Commission. This issue will be up for discussion. Send your comments before Tuesday.** Center for Biological Diversity link to comment: <https://act.biologicaldiversity.org/wlsTurqJjkKw4TGMmDMWeA2>

October 2, National March for Reproductive Rights, Meet at De La Guerra Plaza at noon. Sponsored by Women's March of Santa Barbara and Planned Parenthood SB. The US Supreme Court will hear arguments Dec. 1 on a Mississippi abortion case. They will be asked to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Oct 5 at 6pm, Webinar about legislation to pass single payer healthcare (AB 1400) in California. More info: info@medicare4all.org.



Religious Exploration 09.26.21

THIS WEEK IN RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

This Sunday September 26, there is no 9:00 AM Religious Exploration as we have our second Multigenerational service for September, the Blessing of the Animals. LOVE this service, hope to see you all there.

COMING OF AGE

Mary Dochterman and Rachel Iler-Keniston will be co-facilitators, and the first Coming of Age class will be October 3. Steven and Jan Ross will facilitate the first meeting which will be online and at the usual RE time 9:00 on Zoom. More in next week's Acorn about this meeting.

Please get the Coming of Age registration back to me and thank you (sent as an email attachment in August, and will include again in the letter home this week so look for it).

RE CALENDAR FOR SEPT/OCT

Sunday Sept 26 10:00 AM Multi-gen service **NO 9:00 RE**

Sunday Oct 3 Coming of Age begins with Steven and Jan

Sunday Oct 10 Coming of Age curriculum begins with Mary and Rachel

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Please check out our online registration, and if parents can, get these back to RE due Now. Coming of Age forms have been emailed to you and must fill these out and return.

<https://liveoakreg.aidaform.com/louuc-children-s-registration-media-release-copy>

<https://liveoakreg.aidaform.com/louuc-code-of-conduct>

<https://liveoakreg.aidaform.com/medical-release>

<https://liveoakreg.aidaform.com/children-information>

SB Community Input On Mental Health and Covid

Globally and nationally, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively affected many people's mental health and created new challenges for people already suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders. In order to ascertain and respond to needs locally, the County of Santa Barbara, in partnership with community mental health and wellness partners and stakeholders, is seeking input to help determine mental health and substance use disorder services to meet the needs of our community.

In June, the County Board of Supervisors authorized the use of federal ARPA funding (American Rescue Plan Act) to expedite an assessment of mental health needs resulting from COVID-19, and to develop a plan to initiate identified priority services in conjunction with partners to promote recovery and resiliency in individuals and our overall community.

The whole community is invited to respond to a short 10- to 15-minute survey during September. Data gathered through the survey will be used to identify and tailor services to meet the needs of community members. The survey is available electronically in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and on the County's website at recoverysbc.org/covid-recovery/.

From Your Board of Trustees re: GATHERING

Like many of you, we had hoped that the situation regarding our eventual in-person re-gathering for Live Oak Sunday services and meetings would be different at this point.

*However, due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in Santa Barbara County, **all in-person gatherings sanctioned by Live Oak, both indoors and outdoors, are suspended until further notice.** Thank you for your ongoing understanding as we seek to keep our congregation as safe as possible.*

In service,

Megan Moyer (President), Clacey Kahn (VP), Larry Bishop, Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki, Holly Drayton, Mary Johnson, Wendy Morgan, Teka Penteriche

Food Collection Restarts

Thanks as always to those of you who continue to generously contribute food to the Santa Barbara Food Bank. Your generosity is truly heart-warming!

This terrific organization is filling an even larger-than-usual need in our community. We are glad to have Live Oak support their efforts, and workers at the Food Bank continue to express their appreciation!

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.

Now that the painting project is completed at Live Oak, you can once again donate food in one of the three regular ways on any day of the week:

(1) You can drop off donations in boxes that we have put out at Live Oak on the patio just outside of the cottage;

(2) You can drop off in a box we have left outside of our front door at home: 6542 Camino Caseta in Goleta; or

(3) 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 for your support of families in our community!

Carter and Wendy Morgan

Joys and Concerns

Our own Sue Smiley, is asking that the greater Live Oak circle send healing thoughts to her niece and great niece in England. Both contracted Covid and are not well. Her niece is also vaccinated, she is not sure about the grand niece. Keep them both in your thoughts, if you would, and thank you so much.



Live Oak September Birthdays

Helen Gordon
9/7

Sandra Martin
9/11

JJ Kahn
9/13

Melanie
Jacobson
9/20

Ron Kronenberg
9/20

Sylvia Sullivan
9/20

Holly Drayton
9/21

Ellen Hamilton
9/21

Mary Ann
Kaestner
9/22

Jonathan Young
9/29



Live Oak Photo Gallery

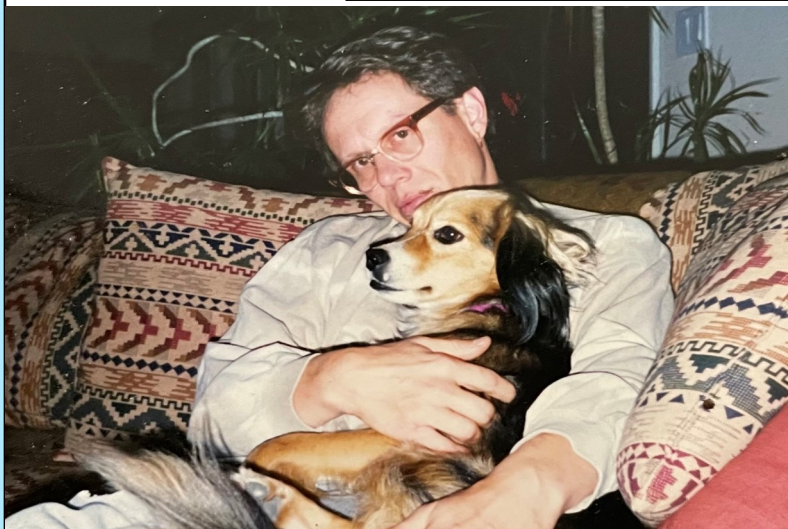


LEFT: Hal, Marie and Michael with 50 others cleaned up 'Refugio Beach, organized by Assemblyman Steve Bennett

RIGHT: Michael's cat doing a "People Blessing"



Below: Steven sends blessings to his friend from years ago, Albert..such a great guy <3



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