



## Connections, Activities, and Reaching Out to the Larger Faith Community

Dear Lisa,

### Extra! Extra! Extra!

- **No Live Oak UU Program This Sunday (*It's a 2nd Sunday*)**
- **Time Change: Set Your Clocks Back This Weekend**
- **Good News: Still Time to Join us for Games on Saturday**



### This Saturday Evening: Games, Games, Games!



It's not too late! Saturday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. -- We will gather for games once again. We'll be in the Guild Room at Christ Episcopal Church (our usual gathering place). Bring a game, if you wish, or join in playing one brought by someone else!

Snacks and beverages welcome. (Please plan to have dinner before you come.)

Plan to come? If possible, let us know, so we can plan accordingly. Email [Lisa](#).

### Children & Youth Religious Exploration (CYRE)

The wonderful rain of late reminds us that spring has not given way to summer just yet. We'll be enjoying the spring air and ocean breeze on March 20th, when we take our second shot at a beach field trip (postponed by rain last week). The children and youth learned about mandalas in our last class, and we plan to create one on the beach using natural objects.

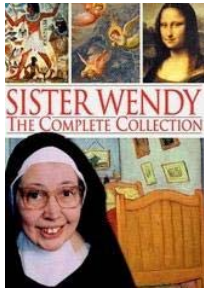
This trip is intended to help children connect to the natural world and inspire their participation in the Earth Day Festival on April 23rd. When I asked the class what environmental issue they would like to focus on, the children chose clean air and water. In the weeks after Easter, we will use class time to create a water filtration activity that will engage visitors at our table (at the Earth Day Festival) and also educate them about ways to keep the air and water clean for generations to come. In



addition, the table will give us a chance to tell people about Live Oak and the wonderful community we have here. We'll need several volunteers to help staff the table. Shifts are only 1.5 hours long. Sign up [here](#) to join us!

One final note: our intergenerational service on Easter promises to be one that we will all enjoy. We will dramatically present the story of the goddess Ostara and how the Easter bunny came to be the deliverer of eggs. Through this ancient story, we can all connect with the miraculous energy of spring.

## Interested in Art? Join Others on 3rd Fridays of the Month



We are enjoying an older BBC series (now on DVD), featuring Sister Wendy Beckett, a nun and art enthusiast, who "has stirred up interest in the history of art -- even among those who avoid museums like the plague." We're watching "*The Story of Painting*," a look at Western art from ancient Egypt, through Europe and into the galleries of New York City.

All adults are welcome to join us for one, two, or more of these sessions. We meet at 7:30 p.m., March 18 (and other third Fridays of the month) in a home in Oakland. Please let [Lisa Fry](#) know if you plan to attend.

## Singers, Musicians Welcome!

Interested in singing with the Live Oak choir? Just show up at our Sunday rehearsals on first, third and fourth Sundays of each month -- at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Feel free to speak to one of the Music Committee co-chairs:

Judith Heller, [jkheller@gmail.com](mailto:jkheller@gmail.com)  
Sally Kennedy, [deskennedy@att.net](mailto:deskennedy@att.net).

## Let Us Know You Would Like to Help!

Each Sunday, Live Oak members and friends contribute their time and energy to create the engaging and welcoming services and communal meals we enjoy. In addition to our talented worship leaders and associates, choir and musicians, many helping hands regularly set up and take down the sanctuary, set up and take down the Guild room where we meet after services, host the welcome table, run the audio sound system and do dishes.

Many, many thanks to the following who have regularly contributed to our services in this way.

- Sanctuary set-up: **Richard Stromer, Jay Roller, Jim Freschi**

- Guild room set-up: **Nancy Balassi, Niels Kjellund**
- Welcome table: **Lisa Fry**
- Audio system: **Bernadette Alexander, David Fry**
- Sanctuary take-down: **Richard Stromer**
- Guild room take-down: **Jay Roller**
- And all of you who have jumped in any given Sunday to take down the sanctuary or guild room



It will help us if we have more regularly scheduled volunteers, particularly for setting up and taking down the guild room and clearing/doing dishes after our communal meal. Please consider whether you would be willing to volunteer on a regular basis in these or other volunteer positions. Folks will gladly show you the ropes. Thanks for stepping up. If you would like to help out in any of the areas above, please contact [Renee Harper](#).

## Alameda Interfaith Community Supports Islamic Center

Members of many different Alameda faith groups are working together to address concerns of some members of the Alameda Muslim community. Immediate plans include an evening (in April) which will include:



- An interfaith gathering / vigil
- Viewing of the film, [Fordson\\*](#), at the Alameda Theatre
- And a panel discussion after the movie, including members of the Muslim Student Association at Encinal High

\*What's the movie Fordson about? The full title is *Fordson: Faith, Fasting, Football*. It follows a predominantly Arab-American high school football team from a working-class Detroit suburb as they practice for their big cross-town rivalry game during Ramadan, revealing a community holding onto its Islamic faith and the American Dream while struggling to gain acceptance in post 9/11 America.

Email options: We maintain two separate email lists. One gets ONLY reminder announcements of upcoming worship services. The other gets those notices, plus information about congregational meetings, activities, religious education, newsletters, and more. You are welcome to be on either list. Please let Lisa ([lisastry@gmail.com](mailto:lisastry@gmail.com)) know if you wish to be moved from one list to the other -- or if you wish to be removed from our email list altogether. Note: We also have a listserv for members & friends of Live Oak. You may join it, at any time, by sending an email to [uuliveoak-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:uuliveoak-subscribe@yahoo.com).

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