

News from Live Oak – September, 2013

Games Night Is Back! Fun & Games on November 9

Mark your calendars! Join us for an evening of **FUN & GAMES!** The Membership Team and Children's Religious Exploration (CRE) Team invite you for a simple supper and time to play ... and socialize!

You're invited to bring a favorite game (or two). Apples to Apples and Qwirkle are past favorites. How about Bananagrams? Scrabble? Jenga? Carcassone or Pandemic? Candyland or Spot It! for the younger crowd?

- Bring a game or two to play with others (or not).
- Bring a friend, if you wish. This is a great way to introduce someone to Live Oak friends!
- Bring a snack to share (or not).



If you're not really a game-player, come anyway ... and kibbitz.



Supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by companionship ... and a little healthy competition.

This is a really fun gathering for little ones, middle-schoolers, young and old adults! Don't miss it!

Because we'll be providing dinner (soup & salad), we need to know how many are coming. RSVP to Lisa (lisafry@gmail.com) if you plan to be there! Thanks! Questions? Just ask ...

Do save the date: November 9. And watch for the next Games Night.

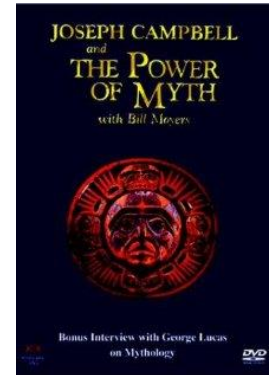
4th Sundays Start in October: Another Worship & Fellowship Sunday

Don't miss our October 27th Worship Service, the first time we will gather on the 4th Sunday of the month. Worship Leader will be Patrice Curtis, M.Div. from Starr King School for the Ministry. Prior to her degree, she was a foreign affairs analyst. Many thanks to Richard Stromer for lining up clergy to lead most of our 4th Sunday services.

The Power of Myth: 3rd Fridays Adult Faith Development Program

Save the 3rd Friday night of the month (starting October 18th) for yet another DVD series and discussion. Over several months, we will watch the 6-part series, *The Power of Myth*, and have time for discussion after.

Scholar Joseph Campbell and journalist Bill Moyers dissect the world of mythology as it affects the world's inhabitants, from religions to marriage and pop culture, in this incisive and penetrating documentary. Filmed at George Lucas's Skywalker Ranch and the American Museum of Natural History, their lively conversations touch both the heart and mind, offering myths as the ultimate key to understanding the human experience.



Opportunity for Each of Us ...

Personal Growth and Deeper Relationships with Fellow Live Oak'ers

Our congregation supports two Small Group Ministries (also called Covenant Groups, Chalice Circles, among other names). Both of these groups are opening up to new members. You do not need to be a Live Oak member to participate.

If you aren't sure what such a group is or why it exists, here is a (rather wordy) description from the UUA website. <http://www.uua.org/interconnections/interconnections/290095.shtml> Darlene Pagano notes the line, "There's also a major increase in personal growth, in the deepening of relationships, in spiritual growth, and in finding a place to belong." These are not drop in groups, but on-going small fellowship circles.

Contact Darlene, if you have any questions. You can reach her at worship or Second Sundays, or by phone at 510-595-7726 or 510-653-3415. Or email her (dpagano@igc.org). Darlene will be happy to share experiences with Small Groups to help you in your decision.

If the times of two existing groups are not convenient, we can see about starting another one. Anyone need a weekday morning, for instance?

The two groups currently meeting:

- Wednesdays early eve: 6:30p start time. Meets TWICE a month on 1st and 3rd Weds. Contact Darlene (dpagano@igc.org).
- Friday evening: 7p start time. Currently meets once a month but will consider twice a month. Lisa Fry (lisafry@gmail.com) is a contact for that group.

Harvest Festival at APC: Live Oak Has the Best Role!

Join Alameda Point Collaborative (APC and the Farm2Market Project for a traditional celebration of the harvest and the bounty of its three-acre urban farm with pumpkin carving, a children's carnival, tasty treats straight from our farm and much, much more.

Live Oak is sending Sunday's plate collection this past week (September 15) and next service (October 6) to APC to help fund this activity.

And guess who ran last year's children's carnival? Live Oak'ers did! They had a blast! Just ask them: Nanci Armstrong-Temple, Kathryn Duke, Kate Hand, Peter Hand, Renee Harper, Niels Kjellund, Mindy Mull, Franco Rossi, Ximena Rossi, Jay Roller, and Richard Stromer. Some of the same folks will help this year ... and we're hoping *you* will join them, too. The Festival – and the Children's Carnival -- will be even bigger and better this year. Don't miss this opportunity to meet and work with some of the folks we've been helping for the past several years. You'll be delighted to get to know them.

The Harvest Festival is a celebration of community and APC's shared vision of a brighter future and healthier world for all to enjoy for generations to come.



PCD Leadership Day: October 26

Register for this workshop with Wayne Clark, Ph.D., Director of UUA Congregational Stewardship Services. The topic is "Money, Stewardship, and Faith." Clark will address all attendees in the morning. In the afternoon, he'll speak with congregational teams (with at least three congregational leaders). The afternoon session will focus on creating a Culture of Generosity and how to apply specific techniques to your next annual budget drive.

Attendees may choose to attend a different session in the afternoon, "What Keeps our Congregations Spiritually Alive?" This informal and experiential conversation about the deepening of our collective spiritual life will be facilitated by PCD District Executive Joshua Searle-White and Rev. Jeanelyse Doran Adams.

Registration: \$45 / person, \$55 after Friday, October 4, 2013. [Register here](#). If you need financial assistance to attend, please let us know (lisafry@gmail.com).

Live Oak Calendar Is On-Line and Up-to-Date

Check out what is happening in coming months on the Live Oak google calendar. It is available on our website (<http://uuliveoak.org/calendar-large.htm>). It lists all sorts of things:

- Adult Faith Development: Power of Myth series
- Choir rehearsals
- Games night
- Worship & fellowship
- Board and congregational meetings
- Finance committee meetings
- Covenant (Small Group Ministry) groups meet



If you have a Live Oak meeting or activity planned and want it on the calendar, please send the information to Lisa Fry at lisafry@gmail.com.

And if you are scheduling a gathering, please check the calendar first so we can avoid conflicting meetings.

Miss a Service? Listen to Audio Files On-Line

We post the reflection and homily from most every service – and occasionally other elements. Be sure to check them out: <http://uuliveoak.org/past-services.htm>. Not as good as being there in person ... but better than missing out altogether. Enjoy!