



New Faces ... New Opportunities Lots Happening!

Dear Lisa,

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VERY LAST CHANCE: Reserve Your Spot for Dinner This Saturday

Email [Lisa Fry](#) before midnight tomorrow (Wednesday, April 15) to let her know you are coming (and if you are a vegetarian or omnivore).

And we have a wonderful last minute addition to our activities: **Dick Bailey** will be there and will play the piano for us. Maybe we'll sing a tune or two.

Children's Religious Education (CRE) Announcement: Pleased to Introduce Brooke Bishara, Our New Educator



Brooke Bishara and
one of her children.

Live Oak's CRE team is very pleased to welcome **Brooke Bishara**, a highly qualified educator to work with our children, their parents, and the CRE team. Brooke, a lifelong UU, is active in the congregation in Palo Alto.

As an English teacher, Brooke worked with kids in grades six through nine. More recently, she has worked in her children's cooperative preschool and has been teaching Sunday school, receiving high praise from the Palo Alto Minister of Religious Education.

She is currently pursuing a Certificate of Unitarian Universalist Studies at Starr

King School for the Ministry, taking a class on preaching. Brooke notes, *"I have a deep passion for Unitarian Universalism and feel called to a life of spiritual leadership through ministry and teaching."*

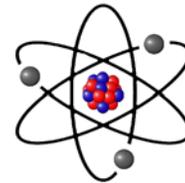
Brooke will be working with our children -- and with our CRE team (**Nancy Balassi, Sylvia Balding, David Fry, Judith Heller, Ximena Rossi, Michelle Nip,** and chair **Kathryn Duke**).

We also thank all the CRE team members. Some helped refine the role of the new consultant, some helped by interviewing candidates, and some have been creating lessons and teaching the last few months.

Coming Right Up: Watch & Discuss Ascent of Man

THIS Friday (April 17), join us to watch Episode 10, **World Within World**, of Jacob Bronowski's series. Bronowski travelled the world in order to trace the development of human society through its understanding of science.

This Friday: Starting with a visit to an ancient Polish salt mine, Dr. Bronowski looks at the world inside the atom, tracing the history of ideas that have made 20th century physics *"the greatest achievement of the human imagination."*



We gather at a home in Oakland. Email [Lisa Fry](mailto:Lisa.Fry@unitarian.org) to RSVP (and for the location). We meet at 7:30 p.m.

Growing Our Offerings: Please Bring or Send Your Pledge Card

If you have not yet sent your pledge information to us, please do so now. All of us at Live Oak are so pleased with the widespread, ongoing support provided by members and friends of this fellowship. Not only are we supporting our own community, but we are reaching out and helping many others through your generosity.

Once all the pledges are in, the Finance Committee will begin planning the budget for the next fiscal year. Thank you for all you give to our fellowship -- your time, your talent, and your treasure.

New Worship Associate Joins the Team, They'd Love to Have One More



We are delighted that **Eric Fethe** has joined our Worship Team. Eric, who works in Human Resources for San Francisco State University -- and is now a new graduate student there, too -- looks forward to working with our outstanding team of Worship



Leaders and Associates. Eric is also participating in Finding Your Spiritual Voice, the class being offered by members of our Worship team.

Eric joins our other Worship Associates: **Kris Arrington**, **Peter Hand**, and **Mary MacKay**. BUT there's room for one more!

Richard Stromer, Worship Team Chair, is still looking for one more person to serve as a Worship Associate (WA). Each Worship Associate works with a Worship Leader to plan and conduct services, usually once every 6-8 weeks. Worship Associates may deliver the Call to Worship, introduce the Embracing Meditation, a Silent Meditation, and/or the Sharing of Responsibility. WAs often offer a short personal reflection related to the day's topic. Is this a good place for you to serve our community? If so, or if you have questions, please contact [Richard](#).

We All Do So Much, But Today We Recognize ...

Besides serving on the Board of Trustees and the Personnel Committee, singing in the Choir, and coordinating the Children's RE Committee, **Kathryn Duke** has been putting in lots of hours with the search for a new CRE Educator for Live Oak. She keeps the minutes of Board meetings, produces contracts for our various consultants and is our liaison with Alameda Point Collaborative. And she recently became a new grandmother.



She's one of the major players who helps us *"Keep on Moving Forward."* Next time you see her at the fellowship, please thank her for all she does. (from Jay Roller)

Live Oak UU Fellowship Caring Committee

If you know of someone in our congregation who needs a visit or some other simple need such as a meal, you can contact one of the members of the Caring Committee to see if we can be of any assistance:

Nancy Balassi	nbalassi@aol.com	(510-523-7605)
Jay Roller	jaybroller2002@yahoo.com	(510-338-0690)
Sally Kennedy	deskennedy@att.net	(510-655-9672)

UU American Roots Class: Two More Sessions

Those who are participating in this interesting class will tell you how much they've gotten from it already. There are 2 more sessions (May 10 and June 14). Those Sundays, **Emily Stoper** will examine the emphasis UUs have put on inclusion (multicultural, multiracial, LGBT).

The class will be in the Guild Room on 2nd Sundays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Light snacks follow. There will be no program for children or youth.

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 (lisafry@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@yahoogroups.com.

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