

Live Oak UU News

July, 2012

Another Great July 4th Parade

Live Oak UU had a fabulous float in Alameda's wonderful (and long!) July 4th parade again this year.

For three years running, many of the same folks have pulled this together for our Fellowship. It's been fun ... but also a lot of work.

First Our Thanks!

Kate Hand has served as the overall organizer for the parade all three years. This year David Fry (with help from Darlene Pagano) made the arrangements for the truck that served as our float. And once again, Jim Freschi stepped forward to drive the truck along the parade route.



Kim Rankin again provided an electric piano and played (and sang) for hours along the 3.5 mile parade route, while David Fry managed the audio system.

Singers and Wavers

And on-board, waving and singing to the crowds were Nanci, Annabelle, & Tallulah Armstrong-Temple, Kris & Richard Arrington, Debi Fidler, Kate, Peter, & Isaiah Hand, Kim Rankin, Jay Roller, and Debra Temple.

And a post-parade thanks goes to Vicky Jensen & Jonathan Spencer for hosting Live Oak'ers after the parade -- those who sang, those who helped, and those who

watched and cheered. They were all invited for a meal and camaraderie at the end of the parade.

Many other Live Oak'ers wearing Live Oak UU t-shirts mingled in the crowds of spectators,

and made connections with fellow Alamedans in three separate areas along the parade route. Finally, thanks to our photographer, David Fry. [Click for more parade photos on our website.](#)



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Serenity is not freedom from the storm,
but peace amid the storm.

On Faith & Reason: Returning in August

There will be no *On Faith & Reason* gathering in July, but folks are already looking forward to the Friday, August 17th gathering.

Join us to hear Richard Rodriguez (whom you may know from NPR and his books), a California native

and lifelong Christian. He'll be joined by British climatologist Sir John Houghton.

Houghton says that "I don't know" is the most important statement for both a scientist and a believer. How do you react to uncertainty

in the context of faith? In science or other professional disciplines?

Come to all the remaining *On Faith & Reason* gatherings – or come to those that particularly appeal to you. Just let Lisa Fry know if you will be joining us.

Fun & Games Night Was -- Well, FUN!

More than twenty adults and children gathered on Saturday, June 30, for a summer dinner, games, and crafts.

Many thanks to Nanci Armstrong-Temple and Lisa Fry for organizing this event and to Nanci for being the main "hunter-gatherer" and to Carl Temple for being the grill-master (with assistance from David Fry).

Many people brought tasty dishes to share and games to

play. The big hits were Qwirkle and Apples to Apples.

Now, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 8 for the next Fun & Games Night!

[Enjoy more photos from this event on our website.](#)



Nanci Armstrong-Temple and one of our middle-schoolers share thoughts as they decorate a banner for our July 4th float.



Bill Hieb and Roger Hallsten watch Kate Hand play her tiles in a hot game of Qwirkle at Fun & Games Night.

Congregational Meeting

Join us Sunday, July 29th (a fifth Sunday of the month) for a Congregational meeting. We'll gather in the Parish Hall at Christ Episcopal Church at 2:00 p.m.

More info on the agenda will be sent out, but we will be talking about our mission and a mission statement. Please save the date and come.

Will You Help?

- Greet folks on Sunday afternoons? (Contact Lisa Fry)
- Work with the Social Justice Task Force, APC, or Immigration Justice? (Contact Lisa Fry)
- Co-teach one session of the Science & Religion curriculum? (Contact Jody Savage)
- Set-up & clean-up for potlucks? (Contact Nancy Balassi)
- Serve as a Worship Associate (Contact Richard Stromer)

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