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DON'T MISS THIS: R.E. WORKSHOP

Next Sunday, April 25th -- 2:00 – 4:00 pm -- Home of Truth Cottage:
Members of this community will gather under the leadership of Carol Bodeau, an extraordinary visionary and expert on creating vibrant intergenerational UU communities, to collectively envision and plan Live Oak's children's program and intergenerational life for the coming year. This workshop promises to be energizing, fun and inspirational. Everyone's invited. Childcare will be provided. Don't miss it. For more information, or to reserve your spot in the workshop, please contact Kate Hand at pkhand@sbcglobal.net, or Laura Prickett at prickett_l@yahoo.com.

NOTES FROM YESTERDAY'S WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Another heartfelt, beautiful service yesterday. If you missed it, check our website (<http://uuliveoak.org/past-services.htm>) to hear both Carol Thornton's homily and a piece of music by our choir, directed by Susan Sonnemaker. We were also blessed by special music by guest Nancy Ragle (violin) and Kim Rankin (piano), and reflections from Jim Freschi and Sara Gassner-Wollwage.

In honor of Earth Day, the children planted seedlings of native California plants. At the potluck, they drew names from a hat (a garden hat, of course) and presented plantings to a number of lucky – and grateful -- winners. (And each child took a plant home, too.)

CONGREGANTS INVITED TO BE CHALICE LIGHTERS

Starting in May, we will return to the practice of having individuals, couples, and families participate in the ritual of lighting our Chalice. As the only communal ritual practice of all Unitarian Universalist congregations, the Chalice Lighting that opens our services is a particularly sacred moment in our worship life. As such, we welcome individuals, couples, or whole families to participate in the ritual of lighting the Chalice at each of our worship services. Chalice Lighter(s) will light the candle following one of two introductions selected by the Worship Leader, one of which is a reading and the other sung by the congregation. Chalice Lighters will also be honored in the Order of Service for each worship service. To sign up as the Chalice Lighter for an upcoming service, please follow the link in the Worship section of the Live Oak website: http://uuliveoak.org/worship_feedback_sign-up.htm.

FEEDBACK ON WORSHIP SERVICE IS WELCOME

The worship team has created two methods for providing feedback on Live Oak's worship services. First, we have provided a book available at all worship services in which people are invited to write comments and reflections about each service. In addition, an electronic link to a survey requesting feedback is available from the "Worship" section of the Live Oak website: http://uuliveoak.org/worship_feedback_sign-up.htm. Both allow for either signed or anonymous feedback. Your feedback will help guide the process of worship creation at Live Oak and is much appreciated!

PUBLICIZING LIVE OAK UU: IDEAS?

We welcome suggestions for ways and places to let others know about our fellowship. For example, we are now listed in two on-line calendars (Contra Costa Times' Alameda calendar and Inside Bay Area's Alameda calendar). And our Children's R.E. team is hoping to hand out brochures at events in Alameda this summer. Do you know of listings, bulletin boards, or other ways of promoting Live Oak? Please let us know: lisasfry@gmail.com.

We have brochures, bookmarks, and wallet-sized cards with the 7 Principles available if you wish to use such items to let folks know about this loving, spiritual community. And, please do invite your friends, neighbors, and colleagues to join you at a service! We look forward to meeting them.

POTLUCK VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Sign up to help with clean-up after our potluck (20-30 minute job). Just click the link below and select one (or more) Sundays when you are available to help. We need 2-4 people each Sunday. Thanks! <http://doodle.com/38zxf8szas4e882u>