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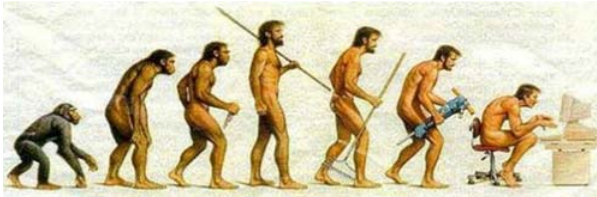
Dear Lisa,

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Coming Right Up: Watch & Discuss Ascent of Man

THIS Friday (March 20), watch Episode 9, **The Ladder of Creation**, of Jacob Bronowski's fascinating series. Over the series' thirteen episodes, Bronowski travelled around the world in order to trace the development of human society through its understanding of science.



This week we journey from the valleys and waterfalls of Wales to the jungles of the Amazon to explore the controversy swirling around a startling new theory of evolution developed simultaneously by Alfred Wallace

and Charles Darwin. We gather at a home in Oakland. Email Lisa Fry to RSVP (and for the location). We will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Growing Our Offerings: Stewardship Campaign Coming Soon!

Our Stewardship Committee (**Jim Freschi, Roger Hallsten, Niels Kjellund, and Darlene Pagano**) is making plans!

They have arranged three small gatherings where people may get together to share thoughts and ideas for our fellowship in the coming year. And, of course, to learn a bit about the fellowship's needs, too. Please think about which one of the three gatherings fits your schedule best and note it on your calendar.

Saturday, April 4, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
at Roger Hallsten's home in Berkeley

Friday, April 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Kathryn Duke's & Niels Kjellund's home in Alameda

Saturday, April 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
David & Lisa Fry's home in Oakland (accessible)

The team will reach out to each of us to make a reservation at a party soon. Watch for more info in a mailing soon.

Live Oak's Annual Community Dinner: Saturday, April 18 Bring the Whole Family!



Please mark your calendars!

And join fellow Live Oak'ers for dinner and entertainment on Saturday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. We will gather in the Parish Hall at Christ Episcopal Church.

Richard Arrington, chef extraordinaire, will once again prepare the main course and several sides. Many thanks to Richard for once again agreeing to cook up a storm for his fellow Live Oak'ers.

And **Roger Hallsten** has also stepped up again to prepare the vegetarian alternative.

More details will be announced shortly. But save the date. Each year, we've had a wonderful gathering. This year surely will be as special!



Children's Religious Exploration Program: Seeking a Paid CRE Teacher to Join the Team

Our Children's Religious Exploration (CRE) team (**Nancy Balassi, Sylvia Balding, David Fry, Judith Heller, Ximena Rossi, Michelle Nip**, and chair **Kathryn Duke**) are actively seeking qualified candidates to teach our children and to help coordinate activities and communication with parents and youth.

If you know someone you think would be terrific with our kids and might be interested in a 12-hour/month position, please feel free to share the job posting with them. Just give potential candidates this link: <http://uuliveoak.org/jobs/>

Meanwhile, many thanks to the team for all their work and especially to **Ximena, David, Sylvia**, and **Kathryn** for taking turns teaching the children.

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

Not too long ago, a small group met in the sanctuary at Christ Church to test the audio system and microphones, sitting in different locations in the sanctuary to see how voices sounded. Many thanks to this group: **Jay Roller, Richard Stromer, David Fry, and Niels Kjellund**. And a special thanks to David Fry for then researching and choosing a new high-quality mike for Live Oak.



And we want to thank **Robin Seeley**, who donated the 5-disc set of *Ascent of Man* to our fellowship. Many of us have been enjoying watching these together.

UU American Roots Class: Still Time ...

Those who are participating in this interesting class will tell you how much they've gotten from it already. There are 3 more sessions (April 12, May 10, and June 14). Join us for all three -- or any one. **Emily Stoper** will continue to explore the stories of Unitarianism, Universalism and Unitarian Universalism in America.



The class will be in the Guild Room on 2nd Sundays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Light snacks follow. There is no charge for this class and all are welcome, including one-time walk-ins.

Please note: There will be no children's lessons on these Sundays. But if you need childcare in order to attend, please let us know. **Childcare:** Advance notice is required. Email [Darlene Pagano](mailto:Darlene.Pagano@liveoak.org), if you are bringing children. Or if you have any questions.

Finding Your Spiritual Voice

A large group of Live Oak'ers is enjoying the course our team calls "*Finding Your Spiritual Voice*." The program is based on a book by UU Minister Erika Hewitt, called [The Shared Pulpit](#).



Erika Hewitt

Participants include: **Kris Arrington, Kathryn Duke, Eric Fethe, Lisa Fry, Seri Gomberg, Kate Hand, Renee Harper, Mary MacKay, Darlene Pagano, Jay Roller, and Jackie Roth**. Led by **Richard Stromer**, the class meets once a month, plus pairs of students meet mid-month to assist and/or encourage one another on this spiritual path. Each class participant spends time writing in class and between sessions.

You will undoubtedly hear more about this in the coming months. The class will

continue to meet monthly through September.

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@yahogroups.com.

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