



THE FLAMING CHALICE

MAY SERVICE PREVIEW

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM

WORSHIP THEME: FOR ALL THAT IS OUR LIFE

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May 1 *For Hours of Rest and Love* ~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

"It was the charming month of May/ When all the flow'rs were fresh and gay." The poet speaks to what is often in our hearts as the calendar turns the page. How does our liberal religious tradition respond to the sexuality of our whole lives, especially as we age? Might we discover that it's never too late for a little education?

May 8 *For Each New Thing We Learn*

~Sharon Wylie, Intern Minister

How many of us were ever told by a parent (or have said ourselves): "Do as I say, not as I do!" Sometimes our actions conflict with our stated values. As we mark Mother's Day together, let's reflect on the ways we teach and learn across the generations.

May 15 *To Build the Common Good* ~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Fifty years ago this month, two separate denominations, the Unitarians and the Universalists, merged to become "one strong body." Where did we come from, and where are we going? Let us mark this important anniversary with celebration and commitment to this life-saving faith.

May 22 *For Services We Give* ~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris and Congregation

Following today's worship, we will hold our annual congregational meeting. For worship on this day, let us reflect on the power of our "use of the democratic process" as we recognize our volunteers and express gratitude for the richness of our strong community.

May 29 *To Boldly Go Where No One Has Gone Before* ~Sharon Wylie and Lane Campbell Multigenerational Service.

The multiple television series and films of *Star Trek* span the past 45 years and include, most recently, the blockbuster film from summer 2009. This fictional world features a vision of the future that celebrates multiculturalism, affirms respectful encounters with difference, and explores the tensions of multiple racial identities. Come, let's consider what we might learn from this rich and imaginative vision of the future.

ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE:

MAY 22

AFTER SERVICE

Information will be forthcoming by email.

As a Green Sanctuary we will not be giving out the meeting documents sent by email.

Please print only those documents you feel you will need at the meeting.



The Integrity of Our Blessings KATIE'S BAY VIEW

In seminary I took a class on liturgical dance. As the class members co-created worship for a chapel service we were leading, we struggled together with the poetry we were using as the focus of a dance piece. Some of the dancers thought it made sense to change some of the words to more accurately fit the worship, to match the dance we were creating. Others had a slightly different theology than the poet and therefore wanted the adjustment. We grappled with our dance, and the accompanying language, and then someone finally realized that what we really needed to do was check with the poet—he was a member of our class, but was not in attendance that day. When our class member returned, we discovered that he didn't want the language changed at all; he intended it as written and made it clear to us that if we wanted to use it, we needed to use it as it was.

It was a lesson to all of us about integrity of authorship, how the rights of the author of any piece need to be respected, but also how easily we were ready to make a change when he wasn't present. If our poet was not able to make his wishes known, would we have gone ahead and made those changes?

One of the hymns we use almost every week in worship is the blessing with which we send out our children to their classes. We sing, "Go now in peace," which is a loving benediction we offer them as they scamper out the door. For many years, we sang this tune, as did so many other congregations, making a substitution from the published text in our hymnal, changing the author's original language. Then, it was brought to our attention that the author had not granted permission for this change, and in fact had asked that this change not be made. For a time we removed the song from our liturgy rather than re-teaching the song with the original text.

A number of months ago we returned to this beloved Natalie Sleeth hymn, "Go Now in Peace." We now print the text in the order of service as it was written and published. Now, when we sing out our children to their religious exploration, we can feel good that not only do they receive a blessing to send them on their way, but that we are honoring our principles by respecting the integrity of the author, who wrote this text out of her own deep faith.

WHEEL OF LIFE

Zelma Nunez-Borja has a new home and address. Please call the office to get it and add it to your directory.

Please keep Allison Corson and her family in your heart in her grief over the loss of her grandson, Elijah due to suicide.

Many may remember long-time member Dick Pace, who passed away on Feb. 23, 2011.

Well wishes go to Betsy Dye who is healing from abdominal surgery.

*With love and respect
Katie*



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Emma Miyoshi
- 16 Lavon Hodges
- 21 Karen Kramer
- 29 Carol Henrie



Planning A Move

INTERN-AL COMBUSTION

By Sharon Wiley-Intern Minister

I have moved my household three times in the past three years, and I am reminded each time afresh how much I hate moving. I am fundamentally a homebody, someone who likes to stay put. I like to put down roots, get to know a place, and build a routine. I also like the familiarity of a known environment, and the very process of starting to pack sends me into an unpleasant tizzy. I don't like not knowing where things are.

I have a similar response to saying goodbye to people and places. I am notorious amongst my friends for leaving social gatherings by announcing, "Well, we've got to be going" to whoever can hear me, and then barging out the door with an over-the-shoulder hand wave. Like ripping off a bandage, I prefer to leave quickly and with little fanfare. I have to remind myself to slow down, and to be sure to say goodbye to people who will care that I'm leaving.

My tendency toward brusque goodbyes comes not from a sense that goodbyes are unpleasant or painful. It's more that goodbyes frequently seem so unnecessary. In this day and age, it is so easy to keep in touch using Facebook or email. And the homebody in me is always eager to get to the next place, to settle in again, to unpack my things. I find arriving to be so much more enjoyable than leaving.

But what all this haste and hurry overlooks is that goodbyes... moving... transitions are an opportunity to acknowledge that change is occurring. Yes, it is easy to stay in touch with people over email, but that ease dismisses the uncomfortable reality that staying in touch via email is not the same as seeing someone every day, or every Sunday. That saying "Hi" on Facebook is not the same as ministering to someone, or being ministered to.

My last day as your intern minister will be June 12. Even though we knew from the start that I would be with you for only one church year, many of you have fully embraced me as one of your ministers, and I have participated in church life as completely as possible. I have preached regularly, led rites of passage, participated fully in committee work, taught adult religious education classes, visited you at home and in the hospital, and been active in representing the church in the local community.

And in the six weeks ahead, it will be time to start saying goodbye, not "goodbye" like we will never see each other again, but "goodbye" to our relationships as intern minister and congregants.

May we enter this time of transition thoughtfully and with intention, to acknowledge that change is upon us once again.

My email address is internminister@starrking.org.

*Bright Blessings,
Sharon*

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

Do you have a skill or a hobby to share? Do you enjoy working with children?

This summer, Starr King UU Church needs people to volunteer to lead FUNShops for the kids. If you have worked with kids before or if this would be your first time teaching children, all are welcome to help out in making our summer FUNShops a success. Please contact Lane Campbell, Director of Religious Exploration to sign up at dre@starrking.org.



SKUU BOARD NEWS

By Darryl Ray—SKUU Board President

Starr King UU Church's annual meeting will be Sunday, May 22 this year. Unlike past years, most of you will be getting the entire annual report and budget by email. For most of us, email is now our main form of written communication, so this new way of distributing the Annual Report not only will save postage costs, paper, and volunteer time, but it will allow us to give you all of the materials including committee reports ahead of time. While this year we will provide plenty of paper copies of the annual report and budget at the meeting, we hope that in future years we will be able to save some trees, and let members print their own copies to bring if they want to.

There will be a couple of proposed by-law changes, one that the Committee on Ministry (COM) recommends and another that the Membership Committee wishes for you to consider. In addition, there will be nominees for the Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee and last but not least, a new President and Vice President to replace me and Andy Hansen, who will be President next year.

Most important will be the budget for this coming year. One thing that the RE Council had recommended to the budget committee was that we consider increasing the Director of Religious Exploration's hours which are currently at 15 hours to 20 or 25 hours a week. The Council's concern is that with the success of our RE program, we have seen a big increase in number and greater range in ages of the children participating. While this is a good thing, it may become necessary to increase the number of classes and make other adjustments. If our DRE had more hours, he or she could spend more time training teachers and assistants, develop family activities outside of Sunday and put more energy into our youth and nursery programming.

So the good news is that we have a balanced budget to submit to the congregation on May 22, but the bad news is that the canvass did not raise enough pledges to increase the DRE hours. Clearly the hard work that has been done these past few years is beginning to pay off. Lane Campbell has done a terrific job this year, but both she and the RE Council would be the first to admit that our success is fragile and much more needs to be done. I hope that between now and the annual meeting you will think about the importance of our vibrant RE program and then increase your pledge for this coming year.

Actions of the Board April 2011

- ➔ A new rental policy and rate sheet for the use of Starr King facilities was approved.
 - ➔ There is to be a new Communications Committee, coordinating the website, the Chalice, and other communications.
 - ➔ SKUU's new website is now up, but is missing some content and has a few other glitches. Beth Ogilvie is the webmaster; Melody Appleton is overseeing content.
 - ➔ Shortfalls in this year's income categories were discussed, as were priorities for next year's budget.
 - ➔ **Next meeting: June 2 at 7:00 pm**
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Religious Exploration Looking Forward to May and June

By Lane Campbell-DRE

This past month brought the announcement that I will be leaving Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church at the end of the summer. The decision has come with both sadness and joy. I am sad to be leaving such a supportive, welcoming, and caring congregation. We have worked together to create an inclusive community for people of all ages. Our children's program is growing and we are heading towards creating space and classes that will support this growth. It is certainly an exciting time for Religious Exploration at Starr King Church.

My decision to leave came out of accepting an Intern Minister position at Shawnee Mission Unitarian Universalist Church in Overland Park, Kansas. Serving in this position will be a large part of my own journey towards ministerial formation and ordination. And I feel I have been well-equipped by this congregation to handle the tasks before me. I am so grateful for the ways you have supported and encouraged my leadership at Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church.

During my time serving here at Starr King UU Church, I have been impressed with the congregation's support of our youngest members- our children. In the coming months, I will be sending out emails and asking people on Sunday for your continued support of our programming. We need FUNShop leaders and assistants for the summer. If you have a skill or a hobby you would like to share with the kids at Starr King, please consider leading a FUNShop. If you are interested in working with the kids, but have no idea what kind of activity you would like to do, please contact me for a conversation. My email address is dre@starrking.org or you can contact me by phone at 510-581-2060 during my office hours on Tuesday from 9am-1pm.

In the next couple of months, I look forward to continuing the conversation about how to better support our youth and children. On May 1st, the Religious Exploration Council will be hosting our monthly meeting at 12noon. We will be discussing the RE programming for next year. All are welcome to join us. If you can't make it to this meeting, our next scheduled meeting is May 22nd at 12noon. We hope to see you there for either or both of these dates!

*Amen, Blessings and Love,
Lane*

MAY FUNSHOPS

MAY 1	MAY DAY	Ruth Kuffin	Mary Kiesling
MAY 8	CARDS FOR MOTHER'S DAY	Donnie Rett	Diane Meyerson
MAY 15	GARDENING	Renee Ray	Allison Prout
MAY 22	SINGING	Bill and Ruth DeSmidt	Diana Dickerson
MAY 29	ALL AGES SERVICE		

DRUMMING FOR SPIRIT: SKUUC's Always Beginning Drum Circle



The Starr-King UU Church is starting up a drum circle, and all interested congregants and friends are invited to our inaugural meeting at **7 PM, Friday, May 6.**

Naturally, you have lots of questions, so here are some answers:

Do I need a drum? No. If you have some drums, please bring them! But we will have a good selection of drums and other percussion instruments for you to experiment with.

What kind of drum are you talking about? Do other percussion instruments count? The African goblet-shaped drum called a djembe is the most common drum found in drum circles.

Hand drums from indigenous traditions, such as bodhrans, tambourines, tars, doumbeks, bongos, and congas also appear often. Other indigenous percussion instruments like claves, rattles, shakers, cowbells, and maracas are all welcome.

Is this appropriate for the entire family? The circle will be most appropriate for adults, with spiritually and emotionally mature youth also welcome.

What will the drum circle be like? Do I have to know how to play? We ask only that you have a reasonable sense of rhythm, and be able to hold it while others are playing. We wish for our circle to be "worshipful," and to honor as many of our UU principles as it can. We will honor the spirits and introduce ourselves.

Next, one person will start playing a simple rhythm. As soon as you think you can play along, do so! This rhythm will last until people seem to tire of it; after sharing our experiences and feelings, another rhythm will begin, and we will proceed as before. During the hour, we will probably have time to play about 4-5 different rhythms, with each set lasting about 10 minutes. We will close the circle by thanking and releasing the spirits present.

After our first meeting, those present will discuss how things should be organized, perhaps at a local restaurant for a late dinner or snack.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Reverend Katie or Kathryn LaMar. Kathryn L. can be reached at 510-733-0425 (home), 510-754-4479 (cell), or at [<kathryn_lamar@yahoo.com](mailto:kathryn_lamar@yahoo.com)



Starr King U.U. Talent Night

Saturday June 4th

7:00 doors open 7:30 pm show starts

This is a Dessert-luck (like a pot-luck but bring desserts only)

Water/Soda/Tea/Coffee will be provided



Sign up so we can applaud you!

All ages free event. Just bring your talent, or just come to be a member of the audience.

**Contact Bill or Ruth Desmidt
510-582-7297 or desmidt1@att.net or
after Church**

Dear Members and Friends of Starr King UU Church,

With great joy and gratitude for the ways you helped to shape me as a minister, I invite you to my ordination on Sunday June 12th, at 7 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Southwest Michigan, in Portage, MI. It would be an honor to see you at this special occasion. Please contact the office administrator: office@uucommunitychurch.org, to RSVP or obtain accommodation information, by 4/28/11. Also, feel free to contact me at cassandrahowe@gmail.com.

In gratitude,
Cassie

Cassandra Howe
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FESCO'S ANNUAL FUND RAISER *SHELTER SHUFFLE* *MAY 21*

Get some exercise and have some fun,
while you contribute to the community!

This year the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition REALLY NEEDS THE MONEY! The cuts in the state and federal budgets are now truly painful. In past years the SKUU congregation has been generous in contributing money. I sincerely hope that pattern continues. I will be VERY happy to take your checks or cash, or you can mail them directly to FESCO at 21455 Birch St. #5, Hayward, CA 94541.

In the past SKUU has done little to seek money from outside the congregation. Can it be different this year? Please consider registering and seeking sponsors from outside the congregation. *Please* register for the Shuffle and ask your family, friends, and associates to help homeless families toward independence.

This year, FESCO is asking all registrants to pay at least \$10 and try to get pledges for at least \$200. For that, you are privileged to participate (which is really quite a lot of fun, a great way to get to know a lot of new people, and healthy too) and you get a T-shirt and a goody bag. If you are web savvy, register at www.firstgiving/fesco.org

Use their system, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and whatever other connections you have to get support for FESCO. If you prefer to sign up sponsors the old fashioned way, use a registration form from the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or ask me for one. Either way is great.

But please do give thought to helping more than ever.



GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

Green Sign Ups at Starr King!

SIGN UP DURING COFFEE HOUR AT GREEN SANCTUARY TABLE

- 1) **40-40 For the Earth Challenge - Sacred Waters** - Take the pledge to cut back on your water usage, and join us on Sunday, May 30 to tell us how you did!
- 2) **Low Carbon Diet Class - Who is the Biggest Loser???** Join us in this 4 part class to learn how you can cut your carbs (carbon footprint, that is!) in this fun class!
- 3) **Farm Tour - Date TBA in summer** - Spend a few hours touring the new Sunnyslope Family Farm in Castro Valley. Visit the garden, fruit orchard, bees hives, and hen house, and see what's in store for the future!
- 4) **Our Urban Orchards** - We can share produce from our gardens with the needy. Our new environmental justice project.
- 5) **Composting, anyone?** - Let us know if you want another class.

**HELP OUT WITH JUST A SMALL FAVOR
SIGNUP TO BRING FLOWERS
FOR THE SANCTUARY
AND/OR SNACKS FOR COFFEE HOUR**

The Young Leaders Project is in the middle of launching



Deepening Faith, Growing Leadership, Building Justice

**Unitarian Universalist
Legislative Ministry California**

its Spiritual Activist Leadership Training (SALT), and accepting applications for the first California wide cohort of 20 young adults aged 18-35 who want to take their UU voice into the public arena and work for justice. The application is online, consisting of some short answer questions and two essays, one about the applicant's inspiration for justice work, and the other about the applicant's UU involvement. The selection committee will have 2 review periods, applications received by May 31st will be reviewed by June 15th, and those received by July 15th will be notified by August 1st. Are you a young adult with a thirst for justice and meeting kindred spirits across the state?

Do you know someone who should apply, and might need you to offer to be a reference? Want to help make this program a reality with a donation?

To learn more, visit our website (uulmca.org) and read the [SALT Fellows Job Description](#).

All are welcome, contact sonya@uulmca.org for more information.

Rev. Sonya Sukalski

Consulting Minister for The Young Leaders Project

SKUU SUPPORTS FAIR TRADE COFFEE

As most of you know Starr King buys only fair trade coffee. We received this newsletter from our primary supplier, outlining the benefits afforded not only the coffee farmers, but many of their neighbors.



So next time you put a donation in the coffee basket please remember the many projects you are supporting. As explained below, you gift helps create opportunities and stability throughout the region.

COFFEE PRICES

Coffee, like oil, is a commodity and therefore the price fluctuates with the market. You are all too familiar with gas prices that change by the day. Coffee is no different. Eighteen months ago green coffee was trading at \$1.30 and today it is at \$2.72.

Nearly a billion people worldwide lack access to clean water and roughly 2.5 billion people do not have proper sanitation. The water crisis of today is about access. The health and economic impact are enormous.



- One in eight people lack access to clean water
- Every 20 seconds a child dies from a water borne disease
- Lack of sanitation is the world's biggest cause of infection

Over 200 million hours is consumed every day by women collecting water

It is our goal, through the Create Good Foundation, to solve the water crisis one family at a time. We are currently working in Nicaragua building latrines and digging wells and in Guatemala bringing water filtration to households.

A key factor in having a stable and thriving community is to have an economic infrastructure that supports jobs. Throughout the developing world jobs and opportunities are seriously lacking. This leads to migration,



lack of personal investment, poor health, and little hope.

Water is a major issue throughout the world, which is why we work to bring clean water to people. However, clean water alone is not enough. People need access to jobs and opportunity. We are working, through our partner, the **Create Good Foundation**, to bring new opportunities to communities that allow innovation and jobs.

HERE IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING SO FAR:

- Coffee land renovation in Oaxaca
- Coffee processing equipment in Guatemala
- Roasting business in Oaxaca
- Business opportunities and training for the disabled in Peru
- School rebuilt in Guatemala
- Computer training center in Guatemala
- Education facility in Guatemala
- Computer center in Costa Rica
- Women's health training in Oaxaca
- Vegetable greenhouse business in Oaxaca

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

EVENING MEDITATION meets every Wednesday from 7- 8pm. Come practice meditation and reap its benefits.

SKIFFLE Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (May 11 & 25) from 7 to 9 PM..If you're considering coming for the first time, best to give a call to Bob Meyerson at 510 581 2037.

MORNING DISCOVERY meets in the library from 10 to 11:15 A.M. on first and third Wednesdays (May 4 & 18) All are welcome to join us to explore community and spirituality, discussion and shared silence.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE meets on the third Sunday of each month (May 15), **after** the service from 12:00 P.M.

BOOK CLUB The book group will meet to discuss *World Without End* by Ken Follet..
SEE EVELYN CORMIER FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MONTH'S MEETING AND BOOK

Please notify the host if you are planning to attend. It makes arrangements easier. All are welcome.

JUUST SOCIAL CHANGE Meets on the second Sunday (May 8) after the service, at 11:45 AM. All are welcome

SKIT Improv. group meets in the Sanctuary on 2nd. and 4th. Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. (May 12 & 26)

NO ROOM FOR RACISM Vigils are held every third Friday (May 20) from 4 to 5 P.M. at the intersection of Jackson-Mission-Foothill. An opportunity to stand for your values! Sponsored by South Hayward Parish.

SKARF: (Starr King Against Racism Forever) is made up of a group of people who wish to address the issue of racism. SKARF meets the 4th. Wednesday (May 18) of each month at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH BOOKSTORE is open every 3rd. Sunday (May 15) after the service

FILM GROUP Will meet on Saturday, May 21, 2011 At 7:00 P.M. at the home of Stuart Fink. "Keeping Mum" (2005) Dark Comedy Starring Maggie Smith, Rowan Atkinson And Patrick Swayze: a mysterious housekeeper arrives in a small English village to help a vicar and his dysfunctional family (Rated R). Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.

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