

THE FLAMING



CHALLENGE

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Worship Theme: We Would Be One

OCTOBER SERVICE PREVIEWS

Sunday Worship Begins at 10:30 AM

October 3 Association Sunday: *For Days to Come*
~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

This is the beginning of a year where we celebrate the coming together of two separate traditions, the Unitarians and the Universalists. On this day across the country, congregations will take a collection that will help ensure the health and excellence of UU-ism for this new century. What is the vision of our faith and how are we living that vision?

October 10 *Sharing the Good News of Unitarian Universalism*
~Sharon Wylie, Intern Minister

Many of us would never consider talking to our friends or family about Unitarian Universalism. We might be afraid of seeming pushy or fanatically religious. But Unitarian Universalism can also be a haven for those who have been searching for a spiritual home. Let's discuss ways that we can share our good news with those who haven't found us yet.

October 17 *Bring A Friend: Friendships in Good Repair* ~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Many of us would admit to the importance of friends, but are too busy to make time for them as part of our schedules. A recent study reported most of us replace half of our social networks every seven years. Do we change so much that we need new relationships, or are we simply not doing the maintenance on the ones we have? Please bring someone you've been hoping to introduce to Starr King Church. Choir performs. "Green" potluck after worship.

October 24 *Green without Envy: Celebrating Green Sanctuary*
~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

We've achieved Green Sanctuary status! We've done lots of work to receive accreditation to become official. Much greater than a certificate, being a green sanctuary requires us to live our principles in the world. How are we doing this? Can we make a difference?

October 31 *Dia de los Muertos: Ancestors' Breath* ~Rev. Kandarian-Morris, Sharon Wylie, Lane Campbell
INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

In story, song and candlelight, come remember those loved ones who have gone before us as we keep their memories alive. Visit our decorated altar; bring your loved ones' photos and smallest keepsakes.



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I had been so aware of the committee that wrestled together in the establishment of our Principles & Purposes, adopted by the General Assembly in 1985, that I had forgotten they were inspired by

the original Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, as approved when the Unitarian and Universalist denominations consolidated in 1961.

In accordance with these corporate purposes, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Association, dedicated to the principles of a free faith, unite in seeking:

- 1. To strengthen one another in a free and disciplined search for truth as the foundation of our religious fellowship;*
- 2. To cherish and spread the universal truths taught by the great prophets and teachers of humanity in every age and tradition, immemorially summarized in the Judeo-Christian heritage as love to God and love to man;*
- 3. To affirm, defend and promote the supreme worth of every human personality, the dignity of man, and the use of the democratic method in human relationships;*
- 4. To implement our vision of one world by striving for a world community founded on ideals of brotherhood, justice and peace;*
- 5. To serve the needs of member churches and fellowships, to organize new churches and fellowships, and to extend and strengthen liberal religion;*

6. To encourage cooperation with men of good will in every land.

The UUWorld magazine's Warren Ross wrote, "The original statement of the purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association, adopted as the Universalist Church of America and the American Unitarian Association were consolidating, no longer served the need [to describe the depths of our beliefs]. The statement's precise wording had been a matter of such heated debate that it nearly derailed the merger at the concurrent but separate preparatory sessions of the two denominations the year before." From the time the current principles and sources were adopted they have become an integral part of our understanding of ourselves as Unitarian Universalists. Still not a belief statement, they help galvanize us, expressing agreed upon values. The addition of sources of faith (originally 5 with the addition of the 6th source in 1995), describe and remind us of the fount of our inspiration.

"We would be one," the hymnist wrote in welcoming together the Unitarians and the Universalists. This coming May, we will celebrate the 50th year of these two liberal faiths coming together to create one merged tradition. Let us look to our history as we ensure a flourishing future.

*In Faith,
Katie*

WHEEL OF LIFE

Congrats to Evelyn Cormier who is a great grandma again!







Andy Hansen celebrates one year with his partner Donald.

Dick Albert is home and doing well after a week in the hospital.



Bob Stortz is managing well during medical treatment.

Mike & Mary Kiesling, and daughter Lena welcome Olivia Jane to their family. Blessings.



Bill Gaylord is home on hospice care. He is hoping to attend church soon. He would appreciate your phone calls.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



7 Wendy Robertson







8 Scott Kinnear

25 Frank Perry

30 Jonathan Gray



PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

By Sharon Wylie — Intern

Intern-al Combustion

October is a good time for planting trees and shrubs. The heat of late summer is past, and the winter rains will help establish what has recently been planted.

This is also a good time for people to put down our own roots. Children have returned to school, and for many of us, the time for vacations and travel is gone. We settle back into the routines of work, home, and church life, and we're glad to do so.

Our connection to the natural world is undoubtedly why October is a time that many cultures honor ancestors. What better way to put down roots than to remember and honor those who have come before us? This is of particular spiritual importance in the United States, where the emphasis on individualism and progress pushes us to forget even our recent past.

Many of us know very little about our families just a few generations ago. We may have little understanding of our history, how we got to be WHO we are and HOW we are. I was tickled to learn recently that my grandmother had a tendency to cook with impatience, causing one of my uncles to nickname her "blowtorch." I have this same tendency, and when my partner now refers to me as "blowtorch," I smile and think of my grandmother. I like having this connection to

my past, and I wish I knew more about earlier generations of my family.

For others, family history can feel like a burden, with memories and expectations that seem better off rejected or forgotten. Many of us spend our whole lives trying to break free of remembering. Honoring ancestors whose actions or inactions may have been harmful may seem repellent.

And yet for others, an unknown family history may be a source of sadness or uncertainty. Some of us don't know who our parents or grandparents were. Honoring unknown ancestors may feel like rubbing salt in an open wound.

But here's the thing: whoever our ancestors were and however little or much we know about them, it is because of them that we are here today. It is because of them that we are who we are. And that is worth celebrating.

Our October 31 worship service will recognize and honor Day of the Dead. This will be a time to remember our friends and family members who have passed away. As you remember your beloved dead this October, you might set aside some photos and mementos to bring with you to worship on October 31.

Bright Blessings
Sharon

Starr King Committee Fair

"Please come to the Starr King Committee Fair, on October 3rd, 2010 on the back patio just after services conclude. Committee members will host displays describing their committee's work and answer your questions. This will be your chance to learn about the work of the many committees that keep our congregational life humming.

Learn how to deepen your Starr King connection by joining their endeavors!"



Truckee River in Fall



By Andy Hansen— BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Hi, Everyone. I'm Andy Hansen, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees here at Starr King. President Darryl Ray offered me his column space this month so that I could tell you about my areas of responsibility, so that you can talk to me if one of them is pertinent to something that interests you. At Starr King (stop me if you've heard this!), we have a policy for board leadership wherein each President serves a two-year term, and precedes this by serving for two years as Vice-President. When we elect a Vice-President at our Annual Congregational Meeting, we're placing someone into senior board leadership for four years, in addition to any board terms logged before becoming VP. This is rather an unusual model, it seems, since folks I've talked with from other churches are generally surprised by our model, and they admire and sometimes envy it. The fact is, as with most jobs, it *takes time* to become skilled in the many aspects of church governance, and by having our Presidents "training" for two years in senior leadership, we get leaders who are particularly familiar with "the ropes!"

The Vice-Presidency at Starr King includes a specific set of responsibilities as well as serving the church's general needs. For example, one of the things I do is orient new committee chairs and incoming board members. I also sit on the Executive Committee (President, VP, Treasurer and Minister), and work with the Budget Committee to craft the annual budget; last year was my first experience of fundamental budget-birthing at Starr King, and it was really interesting to experience the process. We're very fortunate to have the participation of some wonderful "budget veterans," because reading a balance sheet, projecting for the upcoming year and finding resources for the diverse needs of our congregation in the most cost-efficient way are rather specialized skills. These people who've "been around the budget barn" and know our congregational history are truly a precious asset.

One very important responsibility I have as Vice-President is to convene the Committee Council, which is comprised of the Chairs of each committee (some of which are "committees of one"). Committees do much of the heavy lifting that keeps our church life smooth and enjoyable, be it Sunday morning worship and coffee, tending our lovely grounds (and believe me, "heavy lifting" is more than a metaphor here!), making sure our welcome of visitors and new members is warm and comprehensive, or planning and implementing the set of ever-evolving goals to support our Director of Religious Exploration and the RE program. Because we want to support our committee Chairs as they pursue their respective missions, we bring them together every three months to meet with the Vice-President (as a representative of the Board of Trustees and senior board leadership) and each other. These meetings are opportunities to air issues, problem-solve, compare notes and – we hope – to boost morale; committee work is rewarding but it can also have its challenges and frustrations!

We'll be having a Committee Fair after church the first Sunday in October, where you'll have a chance to learn about the work of Starr King's many committees and consider committee membership as a way of deepening your own involvement in our congregational life. Additionally, individual committee chairs will be preparing Chalice columns from time to time, to acquaint you with the roles and experiences of their respective committees. Look for them!

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR OCTOBER, ANDY

SYNOPSIS OF SEPT. BOARD MEETING

- * Approved employment agreement for DRE and Intern Agreement for 8/15/2010 to 6/12/2010. An intern committee will be formed to handle details, problems, questions of this staff position.
- * Approved purchase of a scanner for the office computer.
- * Voted unanimously to make the time for Sunday worship 10:30 AM, year round. This will make Sunday worship time consistent throughout the year.
- * Agreed by consensus to support an upgrade to our website. Katie and Sharon Wylie will discuss the job with those members who might be interested in working on the project.
- * NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 7; 7:00 PM



Religious Exploration

By Lane Campbell-DRE

The Fall is beginning- children are starting school, church is back to its regularly scheduled time, and the days are beginning to change. Each year brings new beginnings, new people, new energy. And in the midst of these changes, some things stay constant. We hold tight to that which is stable, the things that have worked well all along.

As our church year begins anew and we look towards the coming year, some things will change, some will stay the same. The Religious Exploration Council met for the first time and we brainstormed a vision for the upcoming year. Our Funshop Program for elementary-aged kids will be centered around developing a Unitarian Universalist identity. They will be lighting a chalice, connecting their activities to at least one of our 7 Principles, and singing many UU-themed songs.

This is an act of grounding our children and youth in Unitarian Universalist values, faith, and perspectives. Just as we develop and discern our own theologies as adults, young folks will be invited to join us in this exciting process. What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? How does our religion call us to live our lives? Some of the Funshops offered this Fall will focus on strengthening the connection between our younger generation and the larger community. Please contact me if you are interested in offering a Funshop at der@starring.org.

Refreshed and renewed by the first multi-generational worship service of the year, I would like to leave you with a reading by Carol Meyer to consider:

We Are People of All Ages by Carol Meyer

We are people of all ages who enter this space bringing our joys and our concerns.

We come together in hope.

We greet each other warmly with our voices and our smiles.

We come together in peace.

We light the chalice to symbolize our interdependence and our unity.

We come together in harmony.

We share our growth and our aspirations.

We come together in wonder.

We share our losses and our disappointments.

We come together in sorrow.

We share our concern and our compassion.

We come together in love.

We come to this place bringing our doubts and our faith.

We come together as seekers.

We sing and pray and listen. We speak and read and dream. We think and ponder and reflect. We cry and laugh and center. We mourn and celebrate and meditate. We strive for justice and for mercy.

We come together in worship.

May It Be So, Lane

OCTOBER FUNSHOPS

October 3	SURPRISE FUNSHOP	COME SEE WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED
October 10	SINGING	SKIFFLE
October 17	GARDENING ACTIVITY	RENEE RAY
October 24	SEED/CUTTING PLANTING	LEA CASINI
October 31	ALL AGES SERVICE	

YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR UU ADULT CLASSES

To register for these courses call or e-mail Chris Selig (510-633-0628)
or scottnchris@comcast.net



Courses:

Building Your Own Theology

This ten session course provides you will tools to create your own belief system and address one of our UU principles: a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. The readings and exercises, as well as the guidance of the course leaders, will allow you to draw on your life experiences to write your own credo.

Taught by Sharon Wylie and the Reverend Katie Kandarian-Morris
Tuesdays, October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 17, 30, December 7, 14
7 pm to 9 pm
\$10 charge for materials
Fellowship Hall, Starr King UU Church

PARENTS AS RESIDENT THEOLOGIANs

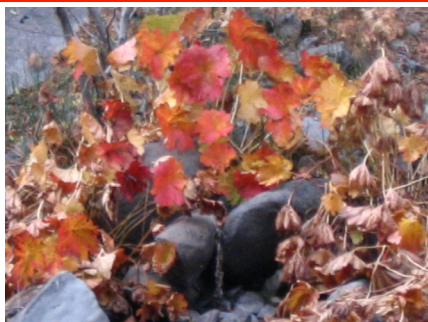
This two-part course will help parents explore ways of talking to their children about religious and spiritual issues. Childcare will be provided.

Taught by the Reverend Katie Kandarian- Morris and Sharon Wylie
Saturdays, January 22 and February 5
10 am to noon
Fellowship Hall, Starr King UU Church

DEALING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS

All of us experience loss in our lives, and with it comes grief. This class will focus on dealing with loss and grief, and will help give tools for helping with others' grief.

Led by the Reverend Katie Kandarian-Morris
February 27
12:15 pm to 2 pm
Fellowship Hall, Starr King UU Church



INDIAN RHUBARB
Along Deer Creek
(Near Lassen National Park)



FESCO NEWS

by Nancy Harrison: SKUU Representative to FESCO Board

Here's a fun way to support the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition and meet other FESCO supporters. On Oct. 16, Resurrection Orthodox Church on Center St. in Castro Valley is hosting a BIG rummage sale. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FESCO. You can attend as a buyer, contribute items for sale, work as a volunteer, or all three!

To contribute lightly used items, contact Janet Alfaro (a real FESCO hero) at janalfaro@hotmail.com. Used contributions will be accepted only until October 8. Pickups can be arranged. In addition to used items, there will be a boutique section for new items, collectibles, and vintage items, and a gourmet section featuring baked goods, jams, etc.

Volunteers are needed for these tasks:

Thu., Oct. 14, select and sort

Fri., Oct. 15, 7:30 a.m., strong people with trucks to move items to the church

Fri., Oct. 15, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m., set up at the church

Sat., Oct. 16, two hour shifts, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., cashiers, sales reps, and helpers

Sat., Oct. 16, 3:00 until closing, clean up

Sat., Oct. 16, 5:00 until whenever, strong people with trucks to remove unsold items

Volunteers should send their phone number (preferably a cell number) to Janet, again at janalfaro@hotmail.com.

Being a buyer is the best of all! To buy items, just GO (and bring your wallet).

Nancy



IT'S NOT TOO LATE

NEXT CIRCLE SUPPER TO BE HELD ON

Saturday, November 13

New congregants — meet people in the church

Long time members — meet some of the newer members

EVERYONE — enjoy a fun evening with a small number of people.

Sign up by Sunday, October 31

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall



STARR KING —AN ACCREDITED GREEN SANCTUARY

Hayward Community Gardens 10-10-10 Event

The Hayward Community Gardens, located at 25051 Whitman Ave. in Hayward, is hosting a 10-10-10 event.

There will be a street-front fair that will extend inside the community

gardens

education tables

plantings

music

food

garden tours

and much more!

WHAT IS 10-10-10?

It is a day to celebrate

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS!

For more info, visit www.350.org.

*May our gardens continue to blossom,
helping to create a greener faith community and world!*

SAVE THE DATE

October 17

You are invited to join in a potluck

and

Celebration of the Accreditation of STARR KING as a Green
Sanctuary.

Details to follow.



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



SKIFFLE meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (Oct. 13 & 27) 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 (Oct. 6 & 20) 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 (Oct. 17), **after** the service from 11:00 P.M.



BOOK CLUB will meet Thursday, October 14, 7 PM, at the home of Natalie Forrest & Doug Sprague (510-886-1480) to discuss the book *All Hat* by Brad Smith. All are welcome.



JUUST SOCIAL CHANGE meets on the second Sunday (Oct. 10) after the service, at 11:45 P.M. All are welcome



SKIT improv. group meets in the Sanctuary on 2nd. and 4th. Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. (Oct. 14 & 28)



NO ROOM FOR RACISM vigils are held every third Friday (Oct. 15) 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 (Oct. 27) of each month at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.



CHURCH BOOKSTORE: is open every 3rd. Sunday (Oct. 17) after the service



FILM GROUP Will meet at Stuart Fink's Home Saturday, October 2, 7:00 PM "Unconditional Love" (2002) Comedy Drama STARRING Kathy Bates and Rupert Everett. A husband (Dan Aykroyd) leaves his wife (Kathy Bates); she goes to pop star's funeral (Jonathan Pryce) and

Annual Pacific Central District Men's Retreat: Oct. 15-17, 2010

How long has it been since you last got together with a group of men and talked about what's **really** important to you? Not the latest baseball game, not the cool summer weather we've been having, not the price of gas. I mean instead what's really close to your heart.

For many years now, UU men of the Pacific Central District have gathered on the third weekend in October and have played, explored, meditated, sung, made new friends and learned from one another. This year's retreat, the weekend of Oct. 15-17, will focus on three issues:

- Making friendships, deepening friendships
- Coping with retirement and semi-retirement
- Men's perspective on taking charge of our personal health

Come join UU men for a weekend of fun, kinship, workshops and more!

Location: Westminster Retreat Center, Alamo (near Walnut Creek)

Cost: \$225 (accommodation, meals, materials) -- Limited scholarships are available

How to register: www.pcd-uua.org/2010mensretreat.pdf

Contact: Gordon Smith pcdmensretreat@gmail.com or call 408-393-6182

HOW TO REACH US

Church Office Hours

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00am-1:00pm

Minister's Office Hours

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

NOTE: Please observe minister's **uninterrupted** reading and writing time each Monday

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How to Reach Your Chalice Editor

Deadline: 2nd Sunday of the month.
Please put your contribution in writing.
Post to: Georgia Gruver
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Hayward, CA 94542-
Email to: editor@starrking.org

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Worship	Betsy Dye



Road to Bucks Lake
Near Quincy, CA