



THE FLAMING CHALICE

APRIL SERVICE PREVIEWS

SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 AM

Worship Theme: Heaven in a Wildflower

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April 3 The Poetry of Things ~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Today we'll allow the beauty and contemplation of words to lead us into an hour of peace, awareness and introspection. In a world filled with difficulty, let us create restoration with the simplest objects around us.

April 10 For the Beauty of the Earth ~Sharon Wylie

The spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. We tend to think of these teachings as ancient, but they also intersect with and inform modern ideas such as process theology, quantum physics, and organizational systems thinking. Come, let us consider the many ways we connect with each other and with the Divine.

April 17 King of Kings ~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Unitarian Universalists consider Jesus as a teacher with wisdom for the world he lived in. This Sunday, Palm Sunday, recognizes some of the most powerful teachings he made known. What did this dangerous rabbi dare to share with the people? How might we hear his message today?

April 24 Heaven in a Wildflower ~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris, Sharon Wylie, Lane Campbell

INTERGENERATIONAL

Bring a flower with you this morning and participate in our annual flower communion. We'll celebrate spring, renewal, the beauty of freedom and diversity and the joy of being in community. All are welcome to join us today.

Actions of the Board in February and March:

- ➔ 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: April 3 at 7:00 pm**



Building Dreams, Creating Vision

KATIE'S BAY VIEW

We've been enjoying much celebration in the last few weeks—celebration of the results of our building and looking forward to the financial gifts to our congregation for the stewardship of the coming year. What we are saying is that we are gratified to have accomplished the completion of our facility, and we aren't stopping now. We know there is more to do; more we have to offer, more to give to the world in which we live. It's sometimes easy, after accomplishing a large task, to want to rest, or snooze, or just get lazy. But I don't see that happening at Starr King Church. What I see is people who feel invigorated by what we have already done. Our welcoming values and people, our green sanctuary, our engagement with FESCO and South Hayward Parish, our desire to become more multi-culturally aware, and spiritually engaged are all currently in play. I see families with young children finding a home here, meeting and sharing with each other and bringing their questions and their confidence that Unitarian Universalism, and this congregation in particular, is a place of sanctuary and a place of justice.

We have come to a time where we must create our new vision, where in our small circles of fellowship and committee work, we must find our mission, clarify our goals. The preacher for our building dedication, Stephan Papa, told us that this work we've undertaken is not for the faint of heart, yet we persevered! We've proved we are tough people. I see that strong open heartedness as one of our greatest strengths.

I look forward to hearing your vision, of working with you to discover the role and mission of SKUUC in the larger community. I feel called to respond to the hurting of the world by providing the hospitality of our progressive voice. I am eager to build more dreams, dreams of a burgeoning religious exploration program for young and old(er), to continue to create worship that is rich, meaningful and filled with beauty, and I anticipate welcoming more individuals and families into our midst who are looking to share with us their dreams, their vision. We each carry a part of that dream and hold some of that vision. Let us discover how they come together, when we do. May the poet's words invite us to begin that embracing view.

"To see a world in a grain of sand
And a heaven in a wild flower,
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour."

~William Blake

*In faith, hope and love,
Katie*

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* **APRIL BIRTHDAYS** *
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* Andrea Kuffin Caroline Mazur *
* Eric Bugosh Georgia Gruver *
* Katie Kandarian- Molly Hitchings *
* Morris Andy Matthews *
* Karen Carrell Bill Schuler *
* Frank Satterwhite *

Kathryn LaMar is recuperating from hip replacement surgery

WHEEL OF LIFE

John Gruver has returned home after hospitalization for a serious infection.



Making Sense of Hard Times INTERNAL COMBUSTION

The recent devastation in Japan was followed, for me, by some difficult news from a dear friend whose family is experiencing a variety of losses. Whether bad news comes from the other side of the globe or from the neighbor next door, there are times when we are face-to-face with human suffering, when we can no longer hide from it or pretend things are okay. These are hard times.

Working as a chaplain at a hospital the summer before last, I found my most challenging work to be with patients who were in unalleviated pain, distress, or discomfort. I sat with a man whose fever required him to be packed in ice, and I kept him company while he shivered and fell in and out of consciousness. I sang to a woman who was having trouble breathing. I held the hand of a woman who cried in pain, waiting for her medication to arrive.

My own discomfort came from knowing that I was helpless. I would have given anything to be able to wave a wand and help those people feel better.

But I offered what I could, and that was my presence. Yes, those people suffered, but they didn't suffer alone. I bore witness to their pain and offered what comfort I could with my willingness to simply stay in the room. And if they wanted me to leave, I did that too, because it is also a gift to honor what people want for themselves, rather than trying to force what we want for them.

In hard times, it is tempting to try and find a reason for it all. Some armchair theologians (as opposed to real theologians who get down into the muck and grit of real people's lives) speculate that God "punishes" people or "sends messages" through natural disasters, through violence, through suffering. That's certainly one way of thinking about the world.

But my guess is that life is a little more complex than that. Sometimes bad things happen because someone chooses to do something harmful to another human being. We have free will, after all. And I think sometimes bad things happen because this is life, and life is full of joy *and* sorrow. We weren't put here to live peaceful, contented, effortless lives. We were put here to laugh and cry and struggle and triumph and fail.

And we were put here to help each other, to reach out in times of need. We were put here to offer help to those who need it, and to ask and accept help when we're in need. Let suffering be a reminder of our interdependence. My email address is internminister@starrking.org.

Bright Blessings, Sharon

DRUMMING FOR SPIRIT: SKUUC's Always Beginning Drum Circle

The Starr-King UU Church is starting up a drum circle! We would love to have interested congregants and friends come to our inaugural meeting at 7 PM, May 7. With enough interest, we will continue to meet on the first Friday of every month.

Member Kathryn LaMar has been involved with drumming for a little over 4 years, yet still considers herself a novice. She has graciously swallowed all considerations and fears, and agreed to facilitate the group for a year. We are welcoming all interested in building community on May 7, to help us organize and work on our spirit.

If you already have a drum, please bring it! And if you have more than one, bring some others for people to share. You are welcome to bring whatever sort of drum you have, be it a djembe, a bodhran, tamborine, dumbek, or conga. If you don't have a drum, come ahead anyway and we'll find you something to play on. Adults and older youth are welcome. Questions? Contact Kathryn Lamar at 510-733-0425 or Kathryn_lamar@yahoo.com.



SKUU BOARD NEWS

By Donnie Rett—SKUU Board Mem-

This Chalice section is reserved for members of our Board of Trustees to say a few words to introduce themselves and to tell their role in the Church.

I'm Donnie (*Donetta*) Rett. My husband and I grew up in Akron, Ohio, coming to California in 1970. Bob is a former Catholic, and I was, for 50 years, a member of the United Church of Christ (formerly Congregational). We have been married 48 years, and have one son who lives in Wyoming. We joined Starr King in 2005.

As a member of the Starr King community, I was first part of the worship committee, then served on various ad hoc committees including R.E. Task Force and facility use sub-committee. I have been on the Board of Trustees for five years, two of those as its secretary. Our Board is an elected group of nine members, diverse in age, gender, length of membership and belief systems.

It is this diversity of beliefs that most draws me to Unitarian Universalism. Spirited, open, questioning discussion is common here; and it fosters acceptance, understanding, peace and love. I was pleased to be able to attend Starr King's "*Build Your Own Theology*" course recently. One goal is for each attendee to write their personal credo. My credo is very general, and fluid. It says nothing about what I do NOT believe, because I may believe differently in the future.

Is this my theology? It is, if I have one!

I.

I believe in **god** -
the ever-present god that is (as it was to the ancients)
the mystical, the mythical, the magical.
God is the rainbow,
a wildflower peeking through a sidewalk crack,
a baby's smile.
God is our tender loving care of one another -
openness, understanding, acceptance, love.
Undoubtedly, above all else - god **IS** love.

II.

I believe **religion** consists of
the honored stories, age-old myths and sacred rituals
that carry life's most precious lessons.
Religion is honoring our ancestors and their ways;
it is holding fast to comforting beliefs,
repeating that which gives us strength and hope.
Religion offers people a way to survive in times of
extreme stress - illness, bereavement, disaster.

III.

For me, **spirituality** is wonder, awe, reverence –
whether it be art, music, literature,
or the magnificent forces of nature,

It is a circling hawk, a redwood tree, a waterfall;
it is the Mona Lisa, the Sistine Chapel, The Bible, the
Koran.

Spirituality is also the "WE DID IT!" of a successful
group effort.

IV.

I see **church** as a place where people gather
to share experiences of their god -
of hope, of wonder, of miracles.

They gather to offer and to accept loving care;
to celebrate what they have in common,
and attempt to understand their differences.

A church strengthens and improves us;
it makes us whole.
A church home is a *beloved* community.

V.

I believe I am predominantly responsible for my own
life.
It may hearsay, the utmost in egotism, or just a catch
phrase;
But I believe that the only power greater than **ME** is
WE !

Shared Ministry

by Bob Britton

Sense of Community

Whenever a Starr King member is asked, “*What are some of the some of the things you enjoy most about being a member of Starr King Church?*” the answer will invariably include some reference to the “sense of community.”

I’ve been a member of Starr King since 2001 and I have never regretted my choice. The Sunday service provides me a chance to settle my thoughts, meditate, hear an inspirational sermon and contemplate my spiritual self. It is also the only time and place where I actually sing out loud! This truly helps me face the world as the week begins the following day.

What I value most about Starr King though is the sense of community of a congregation united, not by strict religious dogma, but by our principles that transcend the “self” and recognize the connectedness of each individual and the “interdependent web of all existence.” It is the relationships of caring forged with members of our congregation that I value most.

It follows then that the responsibility for the spiritual health of the congregation falls not just on the professional ministry staff, but on the entire congregation.

Committee on Ministry

Shared ministry is a covenant among all members of a congregation that recognizes all we do together as ministry. A Starr King committee you may not be aware is the recently renamed “Committee on Ministry,” formerly “COSMIC”. Throughout our association of Unitarian Universalist Congregations, the Committees on Ministry work to promote the health of the church-wide ministry

Our Committee on Ministry has as its mission to cooperate with the Board of Trustees and the minister in supporting, monitoring and assessing the health of this church-wide ministry.

Shared Ministry

Shared ministry then is the belief that ministry of the congregation does not belong exclusively to ordained clergy, but to everyone in the congregation. What then is ministry?

As we recently dedicated our new building additions and remodeling of our sanctuary, we were urged to consider our next ministry. What will we choose to work toward next? Acknowledging that every individual brings something unique of their selves and their talents to this quest, we recognize that it is our actions which make our ministry. In the New Testament, James declared, “*What gain is there if a person claims to have faith but doesn’t have works?*” The traditions of Buddhism also promote works over faith.

When we leave the Sunday service, our connectedness and our dedication to our principles remain. In our acts we are supporting one another and the world around us to which we are all connected. This is our shared ministry: working to beautify our grounds and qualify as a green sanctuary, supporting FESCO in its service to homeless families, working for social justice through the UU Legislative Ministry, and offering care to our own congregants facing their personal challenges. It’s so important we can’t leave it to anyone else.



Religious Exploration

Lent Unitarian Universalist Style

By Lane Campbell-DRE

Let us hope that the rains continue to come this Spring, making the earth green again—re-planting the earth to start anew. We are at a time in the Christian liturgical calendar called Lent. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this observance, a little explanation is in order. Lent begins 40 days before Easter on Ash Wednesday. Commonly, people have been asked to sacrifice something in their lives that they care about in order to take on more prayer or spiritual practice. It has been an observance to call attention to the importance of giving something up, letting it go to take care of ourselves.

One year, a colleague of mine framed Lent in a totally different way. For some folks, Lent can be a time of taking something new on. The idea is that if you start something new and do it for the forty days of Lent, you begin to get in the habit of doing it and may incorporate it into your life after Easter has come.

For some Unitarian Universalists, the thought of observing Lent is a challenging one. Many of us do not identify as Christians, some have hurtful experiences with Christianity. When I first heard about this observance, I was resistant to it. It was something I had never tried before, since it had not been part of my worshipping community growing up.

Lent is a time for increased spiritual practice and who doesn't need that? In the wake of the devastation in Japan, the protests going on in the Midwest, Egypt, and Libya, we are in need of some extra special self-care. Whether it is meditating, walking, praying, writing, or movement, now is a time for us to care for our spirits. This observance can call us out of our busy schedules to pay attention to our feelings, our bodies, and our hearts.

What would you like to take on? What would you like to give up?

As Spring is a time for new beginnings for the earth, it can be a time for new beginnings for us too. Lent doesn't have to be about giving something we enjoy up, it can also be about shedding negative habits. One of my colleagues wrote on Facebook this year that she will be giving up self-doubt. What a powerful statement. Giving up self-doubt to focus on spiritual practice and care of the soul. May that habit stick with her throughout the year.

Although Lent began in the middle of March, it is not too late to start by thinking about what you would be willing to give up or to take on until Easter comes on April 24th. May your Spring be full of new beginnings and care for your soul.

Amen, Blessings and Love,
Lane

APRIL FUNSHOPS

APRIL 3	Collage	Lea Casini	Diana Dickerson
APRIL 10	Puppets	Ruth DeSchmidt	Zelma Nunes-Borja
APRIL 17	TBD	TBD	
APRIL 24	All Ages Service		

2011 South Hayward Parish Vigils of Caring Schedule

Vigils begin 12:30pm. All are welcome to attend these Lenten acts of witness and compassion by remembering violent deaths in our community, which occurred during the past 12 months.

March 25: Jesus Guzman, Meet at 27000 block Tyrell Ave. Convener: Rev. John Wichman

April 1: Osana Saga, Meet at 500 block Cottage Park Dr. Convener: Sharon Wylie

April 8: Maurice Collins, Meet at Vanderbilt St. off Alquire Parkway. Convener: Rev. Kathryn Schreiber.

April 15: Carlos Buenrostro and Rafael Avila, Meet at Westpark St. at A Street. Convener: Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris.

April 22 Good Friday

Meet near the entrance to the Livermore labs at 7am. At 12:30, we'll congregate at the parking area on Fairmont Drive, just west of the stop sign at Lake Chabot Park. The Children's memorial is at the top of the hill. We'll caravan up.

ADULT RE

Religious Education and Spiritual Growth For Adults at SKUU Church

STILL TIME TO REGISTER: contact Chris Selig (510-633-0628) or scottnchris@comcast.net



STILL TIME TO SIGN UP! STORYTELLING AT HOME AND CHURCH



Starr King UU Church will be offering a storytelling workshop on April 3rd at 12noon called "Storytelling at Home and at Church." We will be learning about telling stories during the worship service as well as sharing resources for story time in our homes. If you have ever been interested in telling the "Story for All Ages" or if you would like to develop your skills as a story teller, please join us. Our time will be fun and educational. All are welcome!



DEALING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS- 1 Session



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



Saturday, April 3: 12:15 pm to 2 pm



Fellowship Hall, Starr King UU Church





FESCO NEWS

by Nancy Harrison:

SKUU Representative to FESCO Board

SHELTER SHUFFLE MAY 21



It's that time of year again: the Shelter Shuffle is on May 21, and our support is requested, as always. But not everything is the same. The big difference is that 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.

However, 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. If you are willing to ask your family, friends, and associates to help homeless families toward independence, *please* register for the Shuffle and do so. 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 on

www.firstgiving/fesco.org

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Weekend Topic:

The Transient and the Permanent

Special Guest Speakers:

Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed

Rev. Dr. William Shulz

Newark Fremont Hilton Hotel May 13-15, 2011

Make your reservations on the PCD website

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

By Stephanie Smith

Why I Joined the Green Sanctuary Committee because I'm selfish. I want to tell you I joined to fulfill my duty to live responsibly on the earth, to be a good steward and help protect our planet for future generations. I think that's why others join the committee. I'm sure that's why the SKUU congregation chose to become a Green Sanctuary. People put it in different ways, but the gist is the same. It's a good reason.

So I'd like to tell you that's my reason, but really I'm just selfish. I'd like the planet to be habitable, right now and in the near future, because I'd like to keep living on it.

Actually I don't want to just live. As a middle-class American living in 2011 (even in a bad economy), I am living well. Sure I have problems, but hey, really, I have a very good deal going here. Better than most people alive on the planet today. Better than most of the people who have ever lived on the planet. I'd like to keep living well.

It's just that there are these problems. Pesticides and plastic particles in the food chain, clouds of noxious fumes over major cities.

I was hoping Someone Else would do something about all that. Actually a lot of "Someone Else's" doing are a lot about a lot of things. Ban single use plastic! Build green businesses! Eat food that's fresh, local and in season! Change to compact fluorescent light bulbs. So many good ideas, new products, new technologies, information, enthusiasm. Change is everywhere.

And yet it's not enough, not fast enough. We still have the floating garbage dump called the Pacific Gyre, our addiction to oil fed by our willing pusher Big Oil, the inconvenient truth of climate change.

So I was hoping you could pick up the pace of change a bit, take this more seriously. Stop driving so much, use more energy-efficient light bulbs, and buy local produce. There are thousands of things you could do. I know it might take effort but hey, this is important!

Because if you change so that I don't have to, I'd go for that.

Then there's the little problem of allocation of resources. I'm sure you've heard how 2% of the world's population use 25% of the resources, or thereabouts. The precise numbers aren't so important; you get the idea. A few of us middle class folks use a lot, a few super rich people use even more, and the rest of the people, they don't have so much. I'm a little uncomfortable with that.

Also, they want more. They want what we have. Understandable. They will burn fossil fuel and damn the rivers and foul the air to get it, just like we did. Not a happy thought.

I'd like to tell you that I have stopped over consuming and am happy about it, that I have found the way, that I am a beacon for others to follow. Sure I've taken public transit and stopped using plastic bottles (at least for water). I was hoping that would be enough. But in fact, if it were up to just me, we would be in a mess.

Oh. We are in a mess.

Oh. It is up to me. Oh.

And you. It's up to you, too.

So there we are. By myself I am definitely not up to fixing all this. Together we could do something. It could make a difference. We're not alone.

When Starr King decided to become a Green Sanctuary this congregation made a significant commitment to protecting and healing our planet's environment. **I want to be part of that!**

COMMITTEE CORNER

APRIL'S SPECIAL EVENTS

Film Showing and Discussion **"Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible"**

Sponsored by Starr King Against Racism Forever (SKARF) and the Examining Whiteness class.

Sunday, April 17, 12:30-3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Lunch and childcare will be available

This film features the experiences of white men and women who have worked to gain insight into what it means to challenge notions of racism and white supremacy.

Participants talk about their learned and internalized sense of privilege. Their stories reveal what is often required to move through the stages of denial, defensiveness, guilt, fear, and shame into making a solid commitment to ending racial injustice. This film catalyzes powerful dialogue to support the learning, change and healing of all people who want to undo race-based oppression. Featuring: Tim Wise, Joe Fahey, Peggy V. MacIntosh, Marguerite Parks, Gary Howard and many more.

SKUU Earth Fair is April 10

Celebrate our earth and some of the many ways we can connect, enjoy and protect our precious planet.

At Earth Fair we share what we know and what we do for our earth.

Come learn how our congregation lives its commitment to be a Green Sanctuary.

See what your friends at SKUU are doing at home to grow and eat healthy food, conserve energy, keep usable items out of landfill, use less water and provide habitat for animals by landscaping with native plant species.

Share what you know! Learn something new!

Fun for kids of all ages! Sunday, April 10, 11:30 - 1 P.M.

Please bring in quality used items that you no longer use for the FreeCycle table at the Earth Fair on Sunday, April 10th.

PARENTS POTLUCK

Calling all Starr King Families with Children! Please join together for a potluck dinner on **Saturday April 30, 2011 at 5 PM** in the Starr King Fellowship Hall! We will begin with about a half hour of discussion led by Rev. Katie (while our kids play with some of the older youth!), and then we will enjoy a dinner together. Please contact Sara Raymond (Hank's mom) with any questions: 510 397 6071 or seraymond@gmail.com.

If you have not already received an invitation to join the Starr King Parents Yahoo Group, please let Sara know by email, and she will get you signed up as well.

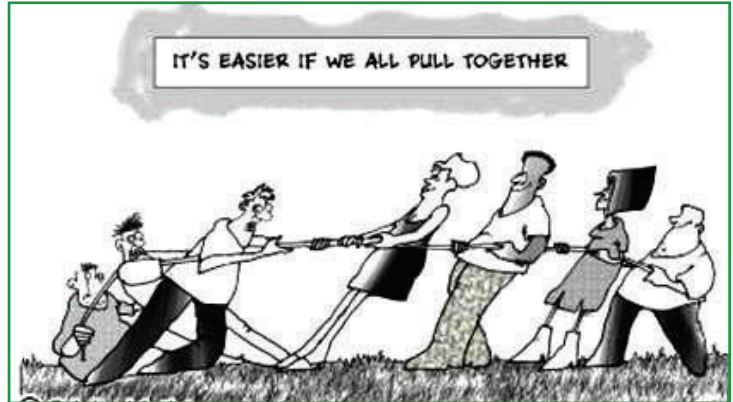
JUUst Social Change News

by Frank Burton,

member of JUUst Social Change Committee

Are the battles in Wisconsin, Michigan and other states about Social Justice?

Quite simply, yes. We believe the governor of Wisconsin and others who are waging war on the public-employee unions have a hidden agenda to privatize schools, water systems, power systems, jails and prison systems, police forces, fire departments, street and highway maintenance—you name it—any and possibly all functions which have been traditionally performed by government in America.



A challenger might say, “That’s an outlandish statement. Why would they want to do that?”

The answer is simple: As those traditional government functions are privatized, there is enormous potential for profit.

“Let’s assume for a moment that you’re right. Why are they busting the unions?”

Because unions are the strongest barrier to privatization of public services. Unions are the ones to lead the fight against privatization of the schools, of the water system, of the prisons, of street and highway maintenance. Those services are where the real money is. The governors of the states which are engaged in union busting have their eyes on the prize, and the unions stand in their way.

Let’s connect the dots in Michigan.

Dot one: Republican Governor Rick Snyder has proposed Draconian cuts in the tax funds that go to cities and school districts—cuts that would force many of them into financial crises.

Dot two: He also wants the power to appoint emergency financial managers (or even private companies) to take over running any city or school district which is in a crisis, taking all power away from the elected representatives.

Dot three: Quite conveniently, he wants the new manager to have the power to negate any contracts which affect the city’s or district’s finances. The manager could simply negate, for example, contracts with the unions representing public employees. Can we imagine what dot four might be?

Dot four: Quietly outsource on no-bid contracts with cronies one service after another—say, fighting fires, or removing snow from the streets, or maintaining the streets, or running the hospitals, libraries or jails, or even maybe fighting crime. Convert the public schools to charter schools.

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Just look at the picture we get by connecting the dots: The corporations and wealthy cronies of the governor can get rich off taxpayer money paid to them under sweetheart contracts to perform services that used to be performed by public workers!

This is called Shock Capitalism by Naomi Klein, Nation Columnist & author of *The Shock Doctrine, the Rise of Disaster Capitalism*.

It's been happening for thirty years—mostly overseas. But now the hidden right-wing ideological battle plan is coming into the light of day here. First you find or create a crisis. Then you declare that enormous emergency powers must be granted to the executive branch, powers that would have no chance of passage without a crisis. Then you outsource former government services to your cronies. Your cronies find devious ways to funnel money to you, possibly as campaign contributions. You get re-elected, and you can reward your cronies even more! What a beautiful circle of capitalism at work—unhindered by inconvenient checks and balances and “harsh” government regulations!

Examples of taking advantage of natural disasters:

- The privatization of New Orleans's public schools after Katrina.
- The seizure of wrecked fishing villages by resort developers after the Asian tsunami.

Or taking advantage of another kind of crisis:

- The corrupt sale of Russia's state economy to oligarchs following the collapse of the Soviet Union.
- Following September 11, the Bush Administration quietly outsourced the running of the 'War on Terror' to Halliburton and Blackwater... Untold billions of dollars are paid under no-bid contracts to perform services that in earlier wars were performed by the military. The occasional scandal is played down, corporate names are changed, investigations never result in real changes or criminal charges.
- In America, deregulate, declaring that “market” forces will take care of everything. Cut taxes on corporations and the wealthy. Allow reckless **13** gambling and other unregulated shenanigans to threaten collapse of the entire financial system. Financial wizards meet behind closed doors with government policymakers who have their roots and loyalties in the wizards' companies, setting up government bailouts of companies “too big to fail.” Declare a fiscal emergency. Cut funds for education, needful college students, and safety-net services to infants, toddlers, the poor, and seniors. Force private and public sector unions to accept cuts in pay and benefits, or both, and/or set up a two tier system so that new employees won't receive the wages and benefits of existing workers. Set up charter schools. Outsource, generally under no-bid contracts, services which traditionally had been provided by public workers.

This is what the wars in Wisconsin and Michigan and other states are really about.

This is why some people have declared the millions of people in the streets of America in recent weeks to be “the Birth of the People's Party.”

References and sources of information are available by emailing a request to frank.burton.now@gmail.com.

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 (April 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 (April 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 (April 17), after the service from 12:00 P.M.
- BOOK CLUB** The book group will meet Thursday, April 14, 7 PM, at the home of Joyce Kinnear, (885-0781,) to discuss *That Old Cape Magic* by Richard Russo.
May book is *World Without End* by Ken Follet.
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 (April 10) 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. (April 14 & 28)
- NO ROOM FOR RACISM** vigils are held every third Friday (April 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 (April 27) of each month at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.
- CHURCH BOOKSTORE** is open every 3rd. Sunday (April 17) after the service
- FILM GROUP** Will meet on Saturday, April 30, 2011 At 7:00 P.M.at the home of Stuart Fink. "The Invention Of Lying" (2009 Comedy starring Ricky Gervais and Jennifer Garner: Imagine an alternative world where only the truth is spoken until a misfit discovers the act of lying (Rated PG-13).
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