



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

**WORSHIP THEME : SUMMER IS UPON US !**

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## SPARK JULY 2011

The SPARK will be on the bulletin board in the Coffee Area. Sunday July 1

If you want to sell, trade, buy or give away anything

Send an email by the 3rd Sunday of the month to:

[newsletteredito@starring.org](mailto:newsletteredito@starring.org)

## JULY SERVICE PREVIEWES

**July 3** Expectations ~The Worship Committee

When you were young, did you ever think about what the future might hold for you? Did it really turn out the way you thought? Is worrying about the future making it difficult to live in the moment? Today we'll take a backwards look at looking forward.

**July 10** Bring a Book to Gift ~ Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

We'll continue the practice of the book communion. Bring a book you are willing to part with, mark it with your name so your recipient will know from whom it came, and prepare to share and explore. What are some of the most important discoveries you've garnered from the pleasure of reading? Can you still find them?

**July 17** Embracing Racial/Cultural Diversity Led by Matthew McHale, pulpit guest

Our country is in the middle of a historic demographic and cultural shift – in Hayward that shift is well underway – yet UU congregations barely reflect it in membership or culture. Putting aside demographic motivations, what do we stand to gain as individuals and as a spiritual community if we live up to our radically inclusive ideals, and what might that take?

**July 24** Three Truths Although You Might Disagree ~Jim Craig, pulpit guest

One of our principles includes "the free and responsible search for truth and meaning." Come explore the question of whether or not anything is Absolute Truth.

**July 31** ~ Rev. Dan Harper, pulpit guest

See the Starr King Website for further information

# Grateful for Rest

KATIE'S BAY VIEW



I'm writing on the evening of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. We call it the first day of summer, and the weather is in agreement this year. Actually, it's so warm

outside that I've shuttered my home to allow the darkness to help keep it cool. Yet there is still something different about sitting in the cool darkness that is summertime; the angle of the sun through the back window is different, the knowledge that I can open my door and walk out with bare feet and immediately feel them warmed on the bottom. When I think of what is approaching, that's different too; I'm not planning Christmas Eve worship, but am preparing for time away.

I'm looking forward to a chock-full summer, with more trips than I usually take. Ron and I will be attending my daughter's (Natasha) dance competition in Las Vegas, I'll be present at my soon-to-be daughter-in-law's (Marisa) bridal shower in San Diego, and Natasha and I will be visiting my ailing father in Michigan, then go on to see my sister (Susan) and sister-in-law (Beth) in Boston. Just the anticipation of all these trips has my emotional wheel turning.

My daughter is becoming an impassioned young adult, her dance company and its members an important part of her life. I'm thrilled to be getting ready for my oldest child's (Eric) wedding; they've been working so hard on all of the preparations for their fall celebration.

I feel grateful to be able to visit my dad (Richard) and his wife (Susanne) in Michigan. You might remember that Ron and I visited there last year, but my father has deteriorated, and I need to make a visit now, while I can still have some sort of relationship with him. It will be so nice to have Natasha with me, to show her around the places where I grew up, and then to take her on to the wonderful historic sites that Susan and Beth have planned for us.

It doesn't sound much like rest, but it does feel like summer and I am excited to enter into that new energy, the time these warm holidays allow for relationship deepening, for reflection and renewal.

I'll be in the pulpit once more before my vacation begins and then again the week I return.

I look forward to hearing about your travels, even those restful moments where you stay put. Remember to gather water from your trips, as brief or local as they may be. We will mingle our waters on September 11<sup>th</sup> – a big anniversary day, so we'll use these trips, and each of their own emotional and spiritual meanings to help heal the wounds of our country, to acknowledge our connectedness.

*With love for the relationships  
and gratitude for the rest,  
Katie*



Congrats to Darryl and Renee Ray's daughter Liz, who was just married. Newlyweds are Elizabeth & John Barnes

Best wishes to Crystal Carroll and Karen Yearout who have just moved to Saratoga.

Congrats to all our graduates:

High School: William Dye, Delvin Clark and Jordon Baker-Blanc.

College: CJ Jacob, Alyssa Baker-Blanc, Parker Bugosh

Congrats to former member Cassie Howe who was recently ordained in Michigan.

Concern to Heidi Green who's father, Frank Bruins (new member) has entered hospice care.

Concern to Kate Jordahl who's mother recently passed away.



# SKUU BOARD NEWS

By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President

Hello, Everyone! I am sitting in my bedroom late on a Sunday night, keying in my first Chalice article as President of Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church's Board of Trustees. Part of me sighs, "*I'm not even PRESIDENT yet -- I'm President-Elect for 18 more days.*" sometimes life's like that, eh? It shouldn't surprise me -- I remember when I became Vice-President two years ago, I also hit the ground running; I felt like I jumped right into the deep end. (Obviously, this will be an Administration of Mixed Metaphors. Life can be that way, too!)

What a winning day today! The weather was bright and fine, our lovingly-tended grounds looked so pretty and inviting, and our very special worship service welcomed a bumper-crop of new members and said an appreciative "Farewell!" to Ministerial Intern Sharon Wylie and Director of Religious Exploration Lane Campbell, whose growing careers are leading them to new challenges. We also acknowledged the contributions of many, many other leaders in our congregation, who have done so much to make our community lively and nourishing. We truly live in Shared Ministry; all we do together is Ministry. We are indeed blessed by our common ministry.

After church, the Hospitality and Membership Committee and other established members welcomed our new members again at a New Member Luncheon at Reverend Katie's home, sharing food and fellowship, and discussing the varying paths that have led us each to Starr King. These luncheons are really fun and interesting, because our newer members have many gifts and thoughtful perspectives. As a congregation, we have *so much human bounty* for which to be



## SABBATICAL

grateful. Gratitude was alive among us today!

I have a number of goals I'd like to pursue while I'm entrusted with our Board Presidency; I'll be discussing those here over the months ahead. What I'd like to mention this month is Reverend Katie's upcoming 12-week Sabbatical at the beginning of 2012. A periodic Sabbatical is important in supporting the growth, learning and rejuvenation of our professional clergy, here and elsewhere.

Reverend Katie will bring back to us what she finds during her absence from our pulpit and we will be the better for it. But I also see her time away as OUR Sabbatical, OUR time of learning, OUR opportunity to grow in a special way. Our creative and diligent Worship Committee is already well-along in planning for pulpit speakers and Sunday morning programs, and we will be searching for other ways to augment our worship, our time together as we begin a New Year. We will be brain-storming and planning in the coming months to make this a rich, thoughtful and spiritually engaged Sabbatical period at Starr King. If you have ideas about a special programmatic focus YOU envision for this Time of Learning and Communion, please let me know of them, and we will create something we love.

Best wishes for your respective summers, and thank you again for your support of our Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Religious Exploration, one another, and our common search for meaning. May we thrive!



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# JULY BIRTHDAYS



1	Daniel Casini	27	Laurie Matthews
3	Jo Murdach	28	Natalie Forrest
4	United States of America	30	Dave Berman
15	Evelyn Cormier	30	Nathan Ray
24	Doug Sprague	31	Jessica Schuler
26	Lillian Carrell		Amber Gable

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## Actions of the Board June 2011

**Key Policy:** A new policy regarding keys to the gate and building was approved

**Hiring Committee and Personnel Subcommittee:** Two board members, Andy Hansen and Roy Dickerson, were appointed to the Hiring Committee for the new DRE. They will join Georgia Gruver from the RE Committee.

**Communications Committee Recommendations on Storage of Church Policies:** It was unanimously agreed that all approved church policies will be on Google Docs as well as on the website. Policies currently under revision will only be available to the board secretary and the person or team responsible for the modification.

**Memorial and Wedding Policies:** New policies for the use of the Starr King facility for memorial services and weddings was passed.

**UU House Plot Plan:** Three board members, Georgia Gruver, Frank Satterwhite, and Colleen Dino, agreed to serve on the UU House Plot Plan Task Force. As such they will solicit plans for the vacated UU House site from the congregation, arrange meetings to discuss the submissions, and eventually decide on a plan to present to the board.

The board will not meet in July.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 4, 2011**

## Religious Exploration

# What is Happening in RE?

By Doug Sprague-Convener RE Council

Lane Campbell, our professional director of religious exploration (DRE), has finished her time with us and will spend next year completing her ministerial internship. We send her off with our best wishes and gratitude. Andy Hansen is heading up the search for a new DRE who should be in place by September.

During the summer we will continue our Funshops for the three to nine year olds. Parents can bring their kids to the adult service until the story time, after which they go back to the Funshop where church members share some interest/hobby or skill. An adult assistant helps the leader by lighting the children's chalice, focusing the kids on a Unitarian Universalist principle, and serving a light treat. Mary Kiesling is managing the Funshops this summer; talk to her if you have questions or want to volunteer as a leader or assistant for one Sunday.

Funshops have been successful way of strengthening the connection between the younger generation and our larger community. The children meet many church members, learn new skills, and are introduced to the UU principles. But we have found that the three to nine year age range is too large to manage so next year we will continue the Funshops just for kids age three to five years, and there will be a set curriculum with teachers for children six to nine years old.

Also, we hope to have a special program for the older youth using the Coming of Age curriculum. Plus, there is also child care available during Sunday service for babies and toddlers too young for Funshops, Donnie Rett in charge.

The Religious Exploration Council will be discussing next year's programming over the summer. We welcome your attendance at our meetings, the fourth Sunday of the month after church.

Feel free to talk to any of us on the RE Council. Continuing members: Mary Kiesling and Doug Sprague; outgoing members: Georgia Gruver and Karen Carrell; incoming members: Lea Casini and Diana Dickerson. We are looking for more members for the council, especially parents.

One thing all of us can do to enhance the child-adult connection is to talk to the children and youth before and after church. We want our kids to feel comfortable and welcome in our church community.

All the best,

Doug Sprague, Coordinator

## JULY FUNSHOPS

<b>JULY 3</b>	<b>"Stained Glass" Chalice Cookies</b>	<b>Mary Kiesling</b>
<b>JULY 10</b>	<b>Sing Along with Bill, Ruth and Bob</b>	<b>Bill and Ruth DeSmidt</b>
<b>JULY 17</b>	<b>"Rhythm Games" with Drums and Percussion Instruments (Including Play Your Body as an Instrument)</b>	<b>Kathryn Lamar</b>
<b>JULY 24</b>	<b>Come and enjoy making COLLAGES</b>	<b>Lea Casini</b>
<b>JULY 31</b>	<b>Endangered Animals- Making Finger Puppets</b>	<b>Mary Kiesling</b>

# Is there a coffee hour GREMLIN?



Have you ever asked yourself, “Who are these altruistic, noble unassuming, people who make the coffee hour so special every Sunday?” Well, **YOU ARE IN LUCK!**

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN!**

**YOU TOO CAN BE A WONDERFUL, AMAZING, FANTASTIC MEMBER WHO EITHER SERVES COFFEE OR BRINGS SNACKS!**

**Check the refrigerator door**

**Add your name to one or both of the sign-up sheets, and you will become**

**ONE OF THE APPRECIATED!**



## FESCO

(A word from Donnie Rett, your resident “Jack of all Trades”)

Nancy Harrison has served admirably for three years as SKUU's liaison to the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition. She has kept us informed of the activities and the needs of the shelter that **Starr King Church helped establish in 1986**. Nancy even took on the added responsibility of becoming secretary of FESCO's Board. **THANK YOU, NANCY!**

Now I have agreed to replace Nancy in the liaison role – a tough act to follow (especially considering that *her* predecessor was the ever-capable Diane Meyerson)!

My main qualification for this job is that for several months, I've spent an hour and a half each Wednesday doing crafts with the Shelter's children while parents attended a group meeting. The last few weeks, my able co-worker for these sessions has been Jennifer Koney, a fairly new face at Starr King.

I don't know a lot about FESCO yet; but I'll begin a sharp upward learning curve soon. Nancy has already provided me with a short list of SKUU people who have shown an interest in FESCO's cause. Perk up your ears! Be prepared to be called on! FESCO is a **worthy** cause, and one to which we owe considerable energy.

Open to suggestions on how we can continue to help!

**Donnie**

**Donnie and Jennifer could use another person or two to serve as standby when they are not able to do crafts on a Wednesday Evening. Let them know if interested. It's fun**

Editors note: Thank You Donnie for stepping up and taking over as Starr King's representative. I think we all agree supporting FESCO is an important part of our service to the larger community.

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# ESCRIP NEWS

By Mary Swain—SKUU EScrip Coordinator

The EScrip program is a painless way to donate to Starr King just by doing your normal shopping. You all are probably familiar with the Safeway Cards. This is a good baseline for our EScrip program but we really can do much better. I would hope that every member would register with EScrip.

I have found the EScrip Dining Program to be very useful. Just last Saturday I took my son Eric out for his birthday. He loves Indian food so I was excited to see **Aroma Indian Restaurant** in Castro Village had just joined EScrip Dining. We had an excellent dinner for 4 people. We were too stuffed for dessert but our bill was around \$86.00. I left a good tip of \$20 for a total of \$106 dollars. EScrip will donate 2.5% on the total bill (including tip).

This is a lot more than the 1% that you get from Safeway. I will fill out a brief survey that will come in my email and get an additional 2.5%. That is about \$5.30 donated to the church just for going out for a normal family dinner. All you have to do is register your credit or debit card with EScrip and then pay with the registered card at one of the restaurants listed. No paperwork, no embarrassing coupons. You don't have to say a thing. We have at least 30 members who use EScrip and Safeway cards. If each member just went out once a month and spent about \$50 that would be \$75 to the church over a years time.

I know that we have more than 30 members who eat out at least once a month. There are many fine restaurants on the list and I would say most of them are moderately priced.

For a list of participating restaurants just go to [escripdining.com](http://escripdining.com). I hope you will consider EScrip dining the next time you go out.

If you need any help with EScrip please email me at [mswain1956@peoplepc.com](mailto:mswain1956@peoplepc.com).

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If you want to get to know people in the church one of the best ways is through the circle supper. In a circle supper, you sign up for a dinner (letting us know whether you have special dietary or family needs.) Your hosts will organize the dinner to be held at their home.



From six to 10 people will enjoy dinner together. As all UU's know, the conversation will be sparkling and the people engaging! The next circle supper will probably be in early October, so keep your eyes open for the sign-up sheet.

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**Invitation:** As editor of your Flaming Chalice, I thought it would be enjoyable and enlightening to occasionally reserve a space for the members to express their personal understanding of the UU Principles. Each time a different principle will be chosen. If you are interested, you may write a short description of how that principle works in your life, or how you try to incorporate it into your daily life. All answers will be published in the Chalice, either the next month or in the case of several writers, in the ensuing months. We will start with the First Principle:

**“The inherent worth and dignity of every person”**

Please submit your remarks to: [newslettereditor@starrking.org](mailto:newslettereditor@starrking.org)

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## ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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- BOOK CLUB** The book group will meet Thursday, July 14, 7 PM, at Marge Schwab's to discuss "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. All are welcome. The hostess would appreciate a call to let her know you are coming. The August book is "The Evolution of God" by Robert Wright.
- CHURCH BOOKSTORE** is open every 3rd. Sunday (JULY 17) after the service
- DRUM CIRCLE** Meets the 1st. Friday ( JULY 1) from 7-9 PM. Come enjoy a fun and spiritual evening
- EVENING MEDITATION** meets every Wednesday from 7- 8pm. Come practice meditation and reap its benefits.
- FILM GROUP** Will meet on Saturday, July 30, 2011 At 7:00 P.M. at the home of Stuart Fink. "Dark And Stormy Night" (2009) murder mystery spoof: Be ready to laugh as the guests arrive at the mysterious mansion for the reading of the will (Unrated). Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.
- JUUST SOCIAL CHANGE** Meets on the second Sunday (July10) after the service, at 11:45 AM. All are welcome.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** meets on the third Sunday of each month (July 17), **after** the service from 12:00 P.M.
- MORNING DISCOVERY** meets in the library from 10 to 11:15 A.M. on first and third Wednesdays (July 6 & 20) All are welcome to join us to explore community and spirituality, discussion and shared silence.
- NO ROOM FOR RACISM** Vigils are held every third Friday (July 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.
- STARR KING PARENTS GROUP** *To join this active, informative and fun group, contact Sara Raymond at [seraymond@gmail.com](mailto:seraymond@gmail.com)*
- 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 (July 27) of each month at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.
- SKIFFLE** Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (JULY 8 & 22) 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.
- SKIT** Improv. group meets in the Sanctuary on 2nd. and 4th. Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. (July 14 & 28)
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# HOW TO REACH US

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### **Deadline:**

### **2nd Sunday of the month.**

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## Church Office Summer Hours

Wednesday & Thursday

9:00am-1:00pm

## Church Leadership

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## Church Organization

### Committee Chairs

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Grounds – Carol Henrie, Walt Korus  
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Kitchen Manager – Sherry Thomas  
Pastoral Care – Karen Cook  
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SKARF – Carey Sanchez Para  
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