



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

**WORSHIP THEME : SING and REJOICE**

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The SPARK will now be available on the bulletin board in the Coffee Area.

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)

## JUNE SERVICE PREVIEWES

**June 5** Love Will Endure ~Sharon Wylie, Intern Minister

Saying goodbye is a sign that for better or worse, something is changing. As our year with an intern minister draws to a close, let's reflect on how we struggle with change as part of our congregational life.

**June 12** The Work of Play ~Lane Campbell, Director of Religious Exploration  
INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE

It takes a lot of time and energy to make our Religious Exploration program run smoothly. We will honor the work of our volunteers, who come to the classroom week after week to teach our youngest congregants about UU values and principles. Let us share in a spirit of gratitude about what Starr King UU Church has contributed to Religious Exploration and look at the potential future of our programming.

**June 19** Beginning with His Father's Pulpit ~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Our congregation is named for the famous orator and preacher who is described as "a man to match our mountains." Come, be reminded of the important legacy of this great father of our congregation.

**June 26** Aging in America ~Bob Meyerson

The way the elderly are thought of and treated in the U.S. and in other cultures vary considerably. What is the difference between "aging" and "old?" What is the conception of old age? How have the years changed how we view all the aspects of life....and death?



**“The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” ~Dr. Seuss**

I'm ready to share my annual book list. Summertime is only a few weeks away, and my recent Kindle purchase has already got me reading some lighter fare than I would have previously looked at before my vacation. I've already made it through some great celebrity memoirs (Tina Fey and Rob Lowe); I'll be reading the new book by Joseph Ellis, *The First Family*, about Abigail and John Adams (Unitarians). I also have plans to read the new book by our UU seminary president, Rebecca Parker, and former UUA president, John Buehrens, *A House for Hope*.

In the past, I've invited you to share with me what you're reading but found I haven't received much response. I'm hoping that our new communication methods will encourage sharing. I'd love to hear what you're thinking of reading, what you've already read that excites you, or what you're looking to discover.

Recently, as part of the “check in” at a committee meeting, a member shared a beloved new read, *The Wolverine Way*, by Douglas Chadwick, that moved another in the room to go get the book for himself. So, we've created a little wolverine-lover's alliance. Who knows what else we can learn?

If you'd like to read, discuss and experience fellowship, our Starr King Book Group meets on a regular basis in members' homes. They rotate the book choices amongst the group.

We've also established an Anti-Racist, Multi-Cultural Alliance to which all members and friends are welcome. The group has made, as one priority, book reading both for education and fun. We are currently reading multi-cultural ally Tim Wise's book, *White Like Me*. How terrific if we could persuade the rest of you to read with us? We'll meet for a potluck on Friday night July 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the book.

Also in July, we'll hold the book communion during worship, which will give us a chance to share together a love of reading, education and the joy of sharing what we love. Be thinking of the book you might like to give to another member of the congregation.

In September, our love of reading will progress to the entire church when I'll invite the congregation to read together a book for our “common read.” So pick up an extra pair of reading glasses if you need them, and find a comfy chair or beach, and prepare for the spiritual gifts of reading. I look forward to meeting you in the discovery.

*Love Katie*



## *WHEEL OF LIFE*

Congats to the Raymond-Wagner Family  
upon the birth of Beckett Alexander,  
weighing 10lbs, 10ozs!

**Sincere welcome to all our newest members.**



# TO BE A TEACHING CONGREGATION

INTERN-AL  
COMBUSTION

**By Sharon Wiley-Intern Minister**

My internship year with Starr King Church ends on June 12, and my ten months with you come to a close. This has been a truly joyous time for me, getting to know many of you, serving as your minister. I have learned so much and have come into a fuller understanding of my own ministry in the process.

One of the questions that you and I have wrestled with together this year is what does it mean for you to be a teaching congregation. It is no easy or simple matter to welcome an intern minister into the life of the congregation. Suddenly there is another person with opinions and ideas to contribute. There is someone new in the pulpit who is not the called minister. Some of you have probably just recently begun to adjust to my presence, and now it's time for me to go!

In the business world, the intern is usually the very lowest person in the organization, the one who makes photocopies and brings coffee. Wikipedia reports that "internships provide employers with cheap or free labor for (typically) low-level tasks."

But parish internship is nothing like that. In fact, it is almost the opposite. Parish internships provide congregations with cheap labor (no getting around that) for some of the highest-level service you expect to receive in congregational life: ministry. I have provided pastoral care, preached and led worship, taught classes...all the things you expect from professional clergy.

My learning has been deepest with those of you who have treated me as professional clergy—letting me into your lives, welcoming my ministry—while holding the space for the reality that I'm not yet a fellowshipped and ordained minister. I've been allowed to stretch my wings and test the waters (and mix my metaphors) while knowing that I also have support and understanding should I stumble or even fall.

To me, this is what it means to be a teaching congregation: to welcome the stranger into full relationship while remembering that she is still finding her way. It is a challenge, to be sure. When I was looking for internships, I felt frustrated that more congregations did not offer them. But now I see clearly that not every congregation has the hospitality and flexibility required to be a teaching congregation.

And I am so grateful that Starr King Church had the courage this year to invite me in. Thank you so much for all you have given and shared. You will always hold a special place in my heart. My email address until June 12 is [internminister@starrking.org](mailto:internminister@starrking.org).

*Bright Blessings,  
Sharon*



## CALLING ALL GA DELEGATES

Are you a GA delegate this year?

Be an informed one by signing up for one of the webinars offered by UUA Trustee Linda Laskowski on June 2, 5, or 6!

All sessions are at 7:30 pm. You can register by clicking here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6HMSDYH>

### **Pacific Western Regional In-Gathering**

Attending GA? Mark your GA schedule. You are invited to the 2nd annual Pacific Western Regional In-Gathering on Wednesday, June 22 at 5:45 - 6:30 pm.

Join the District Boards and staff teams from the PCD, PSNW, PSSW, and MDD to celebrate the Pacific Western Region and our unique Western UU culture.



# SKUU BOARD NEWS

By Darryl Ray—SKUU Board President

This will be my last Chalice column as president. I was very fortunate that my term followed that of Meg Jurich, our past president, since many things we have accomplished these past two years began in her tenure. What were just hopes and dreams a few years ago are now realities. As I have mentioned in previous columns, we have more space, a more attractive and comfortable sanctuary, a new sound system and a vibrant and growing Religious Exploration program.

I am also fortunate to have had a great Board of Trustees this past two years. I would like to thank our current board: Andy Hansen, Nancy Harrison, Frank Satterwhite, Roy Dickerson, Colleen Dino, Donnie Rett, Georgia Gruver, Terry Hunt and Mary Swain for their time and great work that they contributed this year.

Also I am grateful to have a really superb new President and Vice President taking the lead for this coming term. I am sure that Andy Hansen and Colleen Dino will do a wonderful job.

So what are my dreams for Starr King UU? Well, I am looking forward to seeing our grounds continue to “bloom”! In addition to constantly improving our landscaping, our Grounds committee is planning for a safer and more accessible playground area adjacent to the sanctuary, and a labyrinth for meditation and contemplation near where the Unitarian House recently stood. Our Religious Exploration Council is planning on continued growth of our children’s RE program. In addition to our youngsters, I would also like to see more youth and young adults become involved with Starr King Church. Perhaps we can have some “outreach” with Cal State East Bay?

I also wish for Starr King to continue to be a place where families and individuals of all walks of life can find a spiritual home. We have made some good progress, but this work is never really done. I know that we have a number of members who are actively involved in making us more welcoming to the LGBT community as well as exploring issues of racism. I look forward to seeing these activities expand.

Finally, I am looking forward to becoming a regular member again. I won’t be coming to church on Sunday to do “church work”, but instead, I will be nourishing my spirit and soul. I will be surrounded by friends and meeting new visitors during coffee hour. This will be a welcome change for me...and who knows; maybe I will even join a committee!

Thanks for all your support these past two years,

Darryl

P.S. I want to thank Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris for all her support these past two years and also to Georgia Gruver for all her patience with me!

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## Actions of the Board May 2011

- Approved the budget proposed by the Finance Committee, with regret that there was insufficient funding to support increased hours for the Director of Religious Exploration, and hope that funding can be found.
  - Made the new Facilities Rental Policy official. Use of the sanctuary for large fundraisers is still undecided.
  - Agreed to ask the Communications Committee to make recommendations about how to improve access to church policies and other documents.
  - Approved suggested candidates to serve on the Committee on Ministry.
  - Created a subcommittee to develop a new key policy.
  - Agreed on presentations for the Annual Meeting.
  - **Next meeting: June 2 at 7:00 pm**
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## Religious Exploration

# Gratitude for Your Gifts

By Lane Campbell-DRE

This month marks my last weeks of working with all of you here at Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church. It has been a pleasure telling stories with you, arranging FUNShops with you, and supporting youth and nursery programming with you. I have been challenged to grow and stretch. I have been given an opportunity to serve a fabulous community. There is so much more to be said, but what I want to write about this month is gratitude.

In one of the classes I took during my last semester of seminary, the professor always started off by asking what we were grateful for. The class was on a Monday morning and often this exercise began with a little awkward silence. Our minds were still a little foggy from the weekend- working hard to figure out what we had even been doing the previous week. A good amount of the time, what came to my mind was that I was grateful for our church. Since I shared what I was grateful for with my class, I think it bears repeating what I am grateful for with all of you.

I am grateful that our Religious Exploration programming has been rooted in Unitarian Universalist principles and values. This will continue to give our youngest congregants a clearer sense of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist at church and out in the world. I am grateful that we are an embodied congregation, that we are game for singing songs with hand motions, that we sit or stand while singing, and that we are unafraid to come up to the front of the sanctuary for embodied ritual. I am grateful that the programming I have been invited into highlights that the church is the curriculum and that we continue to live into those values, to share with our elementary-aged kids what our skills and interests are.

In naming what we are grateful for, we can be better grounded in our experience and in our location. We can be better in touch with what we appreciate. What are you grateful for about Starr King Church? I would invite a spiritual practice of starting one's day thinking about what you are thankful for. What has gone on yesterday or in the past week that deserves some thanks?

For me, what has been listed above seems almost insufficient. There is so much I am grateful for in this church community. In the coming weeks, I hope to express to you all the gratitude I have felt for this wonderful year serving Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church. May we all live in a spirit of gratitude, embracing the many gifts we have been given.

*Amen  
Lane*

## JUNE FUNSHOPS

<b>JUNE 5</b>	<b>CREATION MYTHS</b>	<b>Ruth Kuffin &amp; Assistant</b>
<b>JUNE 12</b>	<b>ALL-AGES SERVICE</b>	
<b>JUNE 19</b>	<b>REIKI</b>	<b>Regina Fassano &amp; Assistant</b>
<b>JUNE 26</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Lea Casini &amp; Assistant</b>

## SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF HELD MAY 20, 2011

- The committee and leadership reports were reviewed and questions addressed.
- The 2011-2012 budget was approved, with an amendment directing that any additional funds be used to support an increase of up to 10 hours per week for the Director of Religious Exploration.
- The name of the Committee on Shared Ministry Including Conciliation was changed back to the old name, Committee on Ministry, and the description was clarified in the Bylaws. The role of the committee is to work to insure that all aspects of ministry within the church are functioning smoothly.
- The name of the Membership Committee was changed to the Hospitality and Membership Committee, and the description was changed in the Bylaws to emphasize the role of the committee in insuring that everyone feels welcome. It is emphasized that *sincere* hospitality is
- The new Board of Trustees was elected:
  - President: Andy Hansen
  - Vice President: Colleen Dino
  - Member at Large: Lea Casini
  - Member at Large: Georgia Gruver
  - Member at Large: Glen Jacob
  - (Continuing: Secretary, Nancy Harrison;
  - Treasurer, Frank Satterwhite;
  - Members at Large, Roy Dickerson, Donnie Rett, and Mary Swain)
- The new Nominating Committee was elected:
  - Chair, Natalie Forrest (2 year term)
  - Jo Murdach (1 year term)
  - Carey Sanchez Para (2 year term)
  - Chris Selig (2 year term)
  - Rebecca Parr (1 year term)
  - (Continuing: Robin Fink—1 year term)
- There was a brief demonstration of the new church website.

## STARR KING PARENTS GROUP

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE STARR KING PARENTS GROUP, CONTACT SARA RAYMOND AT [seraymond@gmail.com](mailto:seraymond@gmail.com) TO BE ADDED TO THE YAHOO GROUP.

*We can do no great things,  
only small things with great love. ~Mother Teresa*

### SUPPORT STARR KING: SIGN-UP

To bring flowers for the sanctuary.

To help out with the Coffee Service.

To bring snacks for coffee hour.

Or just help out when you see a need.

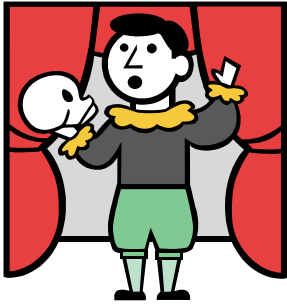
# STARR KING'S GOT TALENT!

**Saturday June 4th**

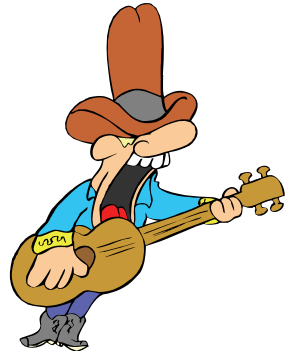
**7:00 doors open 7:30 pm show starts**

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

**Water/Soda/Tea/Coffee will be provided**



## STARR KING U.U. TALENT NIGHT



**SIGN UP FOR YOUR 5 MINUTES OF FAME !**

**Free Event for All Ages**

**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](mailto:desmidt1@att.net) or see them after Church**

**Save the date!**

**June 25, 2011**

**CIRCLE SUPPER**

**Sign up at Back Table**



# FESCO

25 years ago FESCO was founded by energetic people from 20 or so churches who wanted to help homeless families directly--by providing shelter, food, necessary goods, and good advice. They formed the Coalition of which SKUU is still a member, purchasing the first building, fixing it up, then cooking, and greeting and working with clients. I can find no records, either at SKUU or at FESCO, of individuals who were among the founders from SKUU, but I know that we had an enthusiastic group.

Over the years FESCO became more professional, much more effective for the families it served, and more expensive, adding buildings, services, and paid staff. It's still very cheap, but does employ about 20 people who need to be paid. As FESCO's main request became for money rather than direct help some churches dropped out of the coalition and concerted congregational efforts decline in the remaining churches. After all, cooking for people, giving advice, caring for children, and buying Christmas gifts is more emotionally satisfying than raising money. But FESCO continued to do well by relying on increasing government and foundation funding.

Then, in 2008 the government and foundation money declined seriously and has not recovered. FESCO survived relatively intact over the last two years only because two individuals made very large donations. This year plans were being made to close the main shelter for one week each month until \$51,000 in unexpected grants came through. Things looked better, though still not good. And then the Shelter Shuffle came up almost \$25,000 short of expectations. Stay tuned for further developments.

Be assured that FESCO will be around for at least a few more years, seeking increased community support in a variety of ways. It continues to help homeless families move toward independence, just as it has for the last 25 years. Do what you can.

*BE A STAR  
THIS SUMMER*

**LEAD A FUNSHOP FOR**

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## ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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- BOOK CLUB** The book group will meet at 7 PM, Thursday, June 9, at the home of Nancy Harrison (510-727-0951), to discuss the book *Red Sky at Morning* by Richard Bradford. The July book is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Please notify the host if you are planning to attend. It makes arrangements easier. All are welcome.
- CHURCH BOOKSTORE** is open every 3rd. Sunday (June 19) after the service
- DRUM CIRCLE** Meets the 1st. Friday ( June 3) 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, June 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.
- JUUST SOCIAL CHANGE** Meets on the second Sunday (June 12) after the service, at 11:45 AM. All are welcome.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** meets on the third Sunday of each month (June 19), **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 (June 1 & 15) 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 (June 17) 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 (June 22) of each month at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome.
- SKIFFLE** Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (June 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. (June 9 & 23)
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# HOW TO REACH US

## Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church

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Church President: Darryl Ray  
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[president@starrking.org](mailto:president@starrking.org)  
Church Website: <http://www.starrking.org>  
Beth Olgilvie, webmaster

## Church Office Hours

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

## Church Leadership

### Board of Trustees

President: Darryl Ray  
Vice President: Andy Hansen  
Secretary: Nancy Harrison  
Treasurer: Frank Satterwhite  
At Large: Roy Dickerson  
Colleen Dino  
Donnie Rett  
Georgia Gruver  
Terry Hunt  
Mary Swain  
Office Manager Kelli Abatangelo  
Minister: Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris  
Religious Education Dir.: Lane Campbell  
Intern Minister: Sharon Wylie

## How to Reach Your Chalice Editor

### **Deadline:**

**2nd Sunday of the month.**

Please put all Contributions in writing.

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Hayward, CA 94542-

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## Church Organization — Committee Chairs

Adult Religious Education	Chris Selig
Bookstore	Evelyn Cormier
Buildings	Dick Albert
Endowment/Memorial Fund	Bill Schwab
FESCO	Nancy Harrison
Green Sanctuary	Stephanie Smith
Grounds	Carol Henrie, Walt Korus
Interior	Lavon Hodges
Kitchen Manager	Sherry Thomas
Membership	Diane Meyerson
Committee on Ministry	Kirk Smith—convenor
Nominating	Doug Sprague—convenor
Pastoral Care	Karen Cook – convenor
Pledge Secretary	Marilyn Mosher
R.E. Council	Doug Sprague—convenor
Social	Colleen Dino
Social Justice	Evelyn Cormier
South Hayward Parish	Jim Forsyth
Sunday Coffee	Lavon Hodges
Volunteer Coordinator	Karen Cook
Worship	Bob Meyerson