



THE FLAMING CHALICE

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

**WORSHIP THEME: Echo in My Soul:
Exploring the Arts in Worship**

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AUGUST SERVICE PREVIEWS

August 7 Readers' Theatre: The Civil War Retirees Association ~ Al Murdach, pulpit guest

This year is the sesquicentennial of our nation's Civil War. Have you ever wondered what led up to this terrible conflict? What were people thinking back then? We give you a chance today to hear some of their conversations and debates. They may even remind you of some conversations you hear in the public arena today. Come and be surprised.

August 14 Wendell Berry: Beauty and Resistance ~ Chris Selig, pulpit guest

American poet and essayist Wendell Berry reminds us to revere the beauty of the earth and rebel against the insistent noise of big business and politics. Come and immerse yourself in the works of one of our adopted UU heroes.

August 21 How Can I Keep From Singing? ~ Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Let's celebrate the divine that is sometimes felt when we sing together in community. Today's worship will be a hymn-sing. Come, sing along, and maybe discover a new favorite.

August 28 Summer Snapshots ~ Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Bring photos you have taken over the summer as we consider how the visual is part of our worship and our spirituality. "Beauty Crowds Me 'Till I Die," come from the poet's mouth. What have we gathered of beauty? Of summer?



Sept. 4

Don't miss this special Labor Day Sunday service and the joyous music of solidarity! Like never before, unions are

under attack and are an ever shrinking segment of the workforce. Yet unions are still a progressive force in society for all – seniors, minorities, immigrants, LGBT – anyone banding together for their rights. Unions set standards across the economy for minimum wages, health & safety, healthcare, retirement and fair treatment. Labor unions continue to be effective

in electing progressive law makers. Attempts to strip union members of their right to collective action are attacks on all progressives, not just union members.

"We're all in this together!"



My Life Flows On – A Year of Exploration!

The above titled theme for the year ahead will frame our theological reflection and worship life as we deepen our Unitarian Universalist connections to our history and great aspirations. Each month, lyrics from the hymn “How Can I Keep From Singing” will ground a series of topics that I’ll develop (along with help from the worship team) in sermons, rituals and celebrations.

This month, we’ll explore the arts in worship with the theme of: “Echo in My Soul.” For the four Sundays this month, we’ve scheduled theatre, poetry, singing, and visual arts. The theme is a good reminder for us to venture out past the usual, whatever our own version of that may be, to discover the new. Summer is a great time to do that. Everywhere we go, we come across festivals that include abbreviated or into-level of activities. You can attend many a performance in many a park if you but Google the word festival or browse the Friday section of the local paper. I’m going to be traveling and I’ve got a mighty full schedule, but already I’ve located a free summer concert within walking distance from my dad’s house while I’m there.

I’m not familiar with the musician, but I’m sure I’ll find plenty to listen to, and I can always enjoy the people-watching.

My phone comes equipped with a good camera, which allows me no excuse for not snapping photos at any moment. I’ve shared my shots and found loads of stunning photography online as people post the places and discoveries they’ve seen. I know some of you are already better at capturing these snapshots that I am; and we’ve got room if you’d like to share them in worship on August 28th.

And, as we consider summer, and all the places you’ll go, please collect just a bit of water from your travels, so that we can co-mingle it together on the second week of September.

I’m looking forward to seeing you soon, looking forward to hearing of your travels and to cobbling together all the art of your summer we can find.

It’ll be a year of exploration—as I take the four months of January through April to do mine for sabbatical, I know you will explore and discover your own treasures. May you begin now. May your life flow on!

Safe passage! Katie

Condolences to the family of Frank Bruins on his recent passing.

Condolences to Melody and Chris Appleton on the tragic death of their close friends.



Condolences to Terry Preston whose sister, Barbara Winnie, died in bed suddenly and unexpectedly.

Condolences to Karen Yearout on the death of her grandfather.

Healing thoughts to Wendy Robertson who is having knee surgery.

Healing thoughts to Frank Burton after a series of knee surgeries.

The Moshers are celebrating 25 years of marriage.

The Dickersons are celebrating 25 years of marriage.



SKUU BOARD NEWS

By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President

Hello, Everyone! I am sitting in my office now, with the kind of August day outside that makes one think, “Where’s my parka?” It’s nap-weather, though that’s not in the cards. I had a sudden realization this morning that my Chalice column was due to our Fearless Chalice Editor Georgia Gruver yesterday. Now I know what it *really feels like* to be the Board of Trustees President. It makes me wistful, having heard from her own lips that Georgia had entertained high hopes about my punctuality. Ah, well.

This week (as I write) is a busy one! Our Religious Exploration Hiring Committee (Georgia Gruver, Doug Sprague and me) and Reverend Katie will be interviewing two promising candidates to fill the vacancy left by Lane Campbell’s departure, and have been contemplating how best to describe Starr King and the onward-and-upward direction of our RE program goals.

Also this week, the Sabbatical Committee (Keith Lewis, Colleen Dino, Chris Selig, Reverend Katie and me) meets for the first time. I am so looking forward to planning with them how to have the very best Sabbatical experience Starr King’s congregants can have, while Reverend Katie will be, we hope, having her own rejuvenating Sabbatical program. We will plot the Sabbatical timeline, brainstorm about the particulars and identify where we need to focus special energy, thinking and expense. I am reminded by the task of filling our pulpit and programming during Reverend Katie’s absence (as many things at Starr King remind me, especially on Sunday mornings) of how lucky we are to have a dedicated and resourceful Worship Committee! They and our Sound Associates are such a reliable and talented group that they sometimes seem to operate “unseen.” This is a measure of their competence but we don’t want to take their contributions for granted! When you see them and appreciate their commitment and professionalism, do remember to tell them so.

This is pretty good advice generally. When I’m enjoying myself at an event, or reading the Chalice, or sitting in church knowing our kids have an appealing Religious Exploration Funshop that day, or when the Starr King grounds please my eye and give me a restful feeling, I try to think, “Who made this possible for me? Have I told them (or told them again) that they’re giving me something **great**?” People are so glad to be appreciated, and usually so deserving, and it feels wonderful to express simple gratitude to someone for their work. Win-Win!

Best wishes for your month, with hopes that you will avoid chilblains this High Summer in the Bay Area.









































**THE COLDEST
WINTER I EVER
SPENT WAS
A SUMMER IN
SAN FRANCISCO.
MARK TWAIN**

Thank you again for your support of our Board of Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Clergy, Religious Exploration, one another, and our common search for meaning.

May we thrive!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

														
	2	Joyce Kinnear	21	Regina Fassano										
	2	Bob Stortz	23	Kate Jordahl										
	13	Al Murdach	25	Garald Mosher										
	13	John Gruver	26	Julie Welling-Kuftin										
	16	Tasha Casini	30	Terry Preston										
														

**Got an OVERABUNDANCE of
PRODUCE in your garden?**

Why not donate it to South Hayward Parish?

They could surely use any excess you might have.

For those able to drop off produce, the hours are Tues/Wed/Thur. 9:00 - 5:30 or Fridays 2:00 - 5:30.

If you'd like to contribute, but just don't have the time, they'd be happy to arrange a day to come glean excess fruits/veggies.

They accept all types of produce and can definitely use it during the summer months when kids are out of school.

Their office is closed on weekends and Mondays, but you can call ahead of time to arrange for drop-off/pick up.

27287 Patrick Avenue Hayward (510) 785-3663

BOARD ACTIONS

The SKUU Board of Trustees did not meet during the month of August.

The next board meeting will be August 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Religious Exploration

NEW DRE FOR STARR KING

The SKUU Hiring Committee is happy to announce the selection of our new Director of Religious Education. **Irene Boczek Stefanko** is a student at Starr King School for the Ministry and expects to graduate in 2012. Besides having a BS in Chemical Engineering, a Masters of Environmental Studies and a Masters of Management, she has been an active member of the San Mateo UU church for several years.

Irene was a Religious Education Teacher at San Mateo from 2006 to 2009, and has developed many curricula for the RE program, including a social justice program for middle school students which she offered from 2005 to 2010.

We are very excited about Irene's acceptance of our offer to be the Starr King Director of Religious Exploration. She will officially begin work on August 15.

Please be sure to welcome her into the Starr King family.

PART-TIME RE JOB OPENINGS

A central part of the philosophy of the Religious Exploration (RE) program is to create an intergenerational focus where our children and youth are part of the life of everyone in the congregation.

Hopefully all of you can find some contribution, large, small or tiny, to support the RE program. One way is to welcome and talk to the kids before and after church service. Other opportunities:

School age teacher. Teach a class for the 5 to 9 year olds using the program, Principles of UU and Me. **Commitment:** One Sunday per month.

Teacher's aide. Assist the teacher in the school age class.

Commitment: One Sunday per month.

Funshop leader. Share an interest, passion, hobby, or skill of yours with the 3 to 5 year olds.

Commitment: One Sunday.

Funshop assistant. Helping the leader manage the funshop and create community.

Commitment: One Sunday a month or less.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Irene Boczek, DRE, iboczek@pacbell.net or Doug Sprague, dgsprague@gmail.com.

AUGUST FUNSHOPS

DATE	ACTIVITY	LEADER
August 7	Flower Pressing and Card Making	Donnie Rett
August 14	Making a Solar Oven	Roy Dickerson
August 21	Rhyming Games	Kathryn Lamar
August 28	TBD	TBD

FAMILY FRIENDLY FARM TOUR

Saturday, August 6, 1-4 PM

6770 SUNNYSLOPE AVE.

FEED THE CHICKENS AND CHECK FOR EGGS



MEET AND PET THE NEW BABY GOATS

LUCY, APRIL AND APRICOT



TOUR THE GARDEN

COME SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING,
AND WHAT IS IN STORE FOR THE FUTURE!

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

WE HAVE ABOUT 40 PEOPLE ALREADY SIGNED UP!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US,

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

CARPOOLING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED DUE TO LIMITED PARKING SPACE.

QUESTIONS - CALL RENEE RAY (510) 206-9457

An 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 submissions 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@starring.org

NEXT CIRCLE SUPPER IS COMING
 WATCH FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET
 EARLY OCTOBER WILL BE THE NEXT
 DATE
 DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN

CIRCLE
 SUPPER

ELDERS MEETING

If you are an elder, self-defined, in this church, please join us for an initial get-together on Wednesday, August, 17 at noon at the church. Please bring a bag lunch and beverage. We will "feast, fraternize" and maybe even "frolic" until

1:30 or 2:00. We are hoping to meet regularly, once a month, for lunch and community building. We also hope to have occasional presentations on topics of the groups' choice.

If you are unable to attend this initial meeting, but would like to join the group at a later date, please let Karen Cook know at 792-6891 or cookstortz@aol.com. If you need a ride, please let me know also. Hope you can join us!

SPARK

As of now there are no ads to put in the August SPARK. If you have an ad you want to include be sure to get it to the newsletter editor by Thursday, August 4.

newslettereditor@starrking.org

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!



Do your part to support SKUU
 Get to know your fellow congregants.
 Help welcome newcomers and guests

Sign up to serve coffee once a month.

CHECK THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR

Add your name to one or both of the sign-up sheets

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BOOK CLUB The book group will meet Thursday, August 11, 7 PM, at the home of Ruth Kuffin (510-276-0601) to discuss "The Evolution of God" by Robert Wright. Please be sure to let Ruth know if you plan to attend so she can make suitable accommodations. The September book is "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson.

CHURCH BOOKSTORE is open every 3rd. Sunday (AUGUST 21) after the service

DRUM CIRCLE Meets the 1st. Friday (AUGUST 5) 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, August 20 , 2011 At 7:00 P.M. at the home of Stuart Fink. "It's Kind Of A Funny Story" (2010) Starring Keir Gilchrist, Zach Galifianakis And Emma Roberts. Drama/comedy about a depressed teenager who checks himself into an adult psychiatric ward (rated pg-13). Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.

JUUST SOCIAL CHANGE Meets on the second Sunday (August14) after the service, at 11:45 AM. All are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Meets on the third Sunday of each month (August 21), 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 (August 3 & 17) 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 (August 19) 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

SKIFFLE Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (AUGUST 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. (August 14 & 28)

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Wednesday & Thursday

9:00am-1:00pm

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