



THE FLAMING CHALICE

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

MARCH WORSHIP THEME:

"Friends Rejoice Both Far and Near" This month we explore the interdependence of our community and connections.

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BOARD NEWS

Retreat follow-up: A committee of the BOT will evaluate the status of current committees and the overall structure of committees and ministerial groups, and consider improvements.

Oro-Loma Sanitary District pump: Two extra pumps (one for the neighbors) are now stored in one of the cottages to meet possible emergencies.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program for SKUUC: Darryl & Rene Ray presented a proposal to create a CSA program selling their produce which will be open to members of the congregation. The program is to include educational elements and will complement the church's Green Sanctuary status.

Refrigerator: The kitchen needs a new refrigerator. An amount up to \$1500 was approved for its purchase.

Trees: A request to remove plumbago trees from the parking lot and three large acacias on the hill was approved.

MARCH SERVICE PREVIEW

March 4, Queen of the Platform

Led by Rev. Sonya Sukalski, pulpit guest
Have you ever asked yourself, "What Shall We Do With Our Daughters?" So did Universalist Newspaper publisher, Mary Livermore, a popular lyceum lecturer the latter 1800s. Stories from this UU ancestor shed light on questions of today

March 11, Oh, We Give Thanks

Led by Chris Appleton, pulpit guest
Canvass Sunday is our opportunity to 'walk the walk' by turning in our pledge cards for the upcoming year. We are the heart and the pulse of our community.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

Don't be late! Set Clocks 1 hour ahead.

March 18, Half Sure and Whole Hearted

Led by Rev. Jay Atkinson, pulpit guest
Religious liberalism is, by definition, always open to new belief and understanding and thus avoids absolute certainty on principle. How, with that half-sure stance, do we live confidently and whole-heartedly, with fullness of purpose?

March 25, Courageous Margaret Sanger

Led by Betsy Dye and Diana Dickerson, pulpit guests

It's the last Sunday of Women's History Month, so join us for a performance of a play about Margaret Sanger. Sanger, one of our famous UU leaders from the past, did important work to ensure reproductive rights for women.



SKUU BOARD NEWS

By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President

**"I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."**

Wm. Wordsworth



Greetings, and welcome to March. It's time to welcome the coming of spring in our hemisphere, and the Vernal Equinox on March 20th! "Equinox" means "equal night," when our sun zeniths directly over the Equator and day and night are of equal length. So for those of you who think, twice a year, "Wow, the days are really getting shorter/longer now," the Equinox is precisely halfway between your opportunities to mutter about the changing light.

(A "march" is also a borderland, frontier or wilderness. If you find yourself a bit mercurial, excitable or over-amorous, your sap rising a bit, perhaps you are experiencing a phenomenon about which your friends and family will whisper, under their breaths, "*Madder than a march hare!*")

March is a metaphorical Spring at Starr King Church, too. In springtime, one plants the seeds which, properly tended, will bring a rich and satisfying harvest. Just so, our *Canvass Kick-Off* commences on Sunday March 11th, when we will be making our pledges to Starr King UU Church for the coming year. Each of us will have the opportunity to look into our hearts and ask, "Am I planting seeds in the precious soil of our beloved community as generously as I should? Am I doing my part to support the mission and work of Starr King, to prepare our fields for new growth, not only to feed me and mine, but to feed my friends, my community and the many people I haven't met yet who will come to us in their search for meaning and a spiritual home?" It is *your* support that makes the work of this congregation possible, enabling us to be a beacon of liberal religious values in our larger community. Give bravely, generously, joyfully! This is your home.

Finally, March is Women's History Month. The status of women in the world today is a painful mix of great progress and desperate social disenfranchisement, even persecution. Women's contributions customarily have been swept under the rug of history, disconnected from the stories of our collective social and political progress for the very sake of disconnection. Revealing and remembering this discounted history is a primary tool for women *and men* in healing this injustice -- not only remembering as calling back a thought, but remembering as reattaching parts ("members") of the body politic which have been unjustly cut off. There are wonderful browsing resources from the Library of Congress at womenshistorymonth.gov, or womenshistory.about.com. And hold in your hearts the promise of poet Judy Grahn, who wrote, with slightly different punctuation, "The common woman is as common as the best of bread, and will rise, and will become strong--I swear to you! I swear it to you on my common Woman's head."

Warmly,





Religious Exploration

By Irene Stefanko Director of Religious Exploration

Nathaniel Branden said, "The first step toward change is awareness. The second step is acceptance." Last month the children in the religious exploration program were gardeners, they cultivated flowers and their humanity. They considered how peace, justice and compassion grow when we plant seeds of kindness, fairness and love. This month the children will dig deep and learn about opening their hearts and minds to acceptance of these vast fields of humanity and existence. The children will explore the 3rd principle – that is that we should accept one another and keep on learning.

The children are exploring this principle via learning, doing, and worshiping. They collectively created paper people to create and celebrate diversity and will meet with a panel of congregants to share their learning's about this principle. Last week in worship Rev. Sonya Sukalski spoke to the children of the ancient promises of life including having an abiding love for existence and learning that we stronger together than apart. Ultimately the children will put their learning into practice by working together to create masterpiece, a masterpiece celebrating diversity and acceptance.

RE HAPPENINGS FOR MARCH *Preschool and School Age:*

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ACTIVITY

MARCH 4

The Many Ways of Learning

MARCH 11

Hunting for Knowing

MARCH 18

Sharing the Tools of Learning

MARCH 24

Voting in Action

Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

ADULT RE

Universalism 101

It is often said about our UU movement that Unitarianism represents the head and Universalism represents the heart. Join us to learn about the heart of our faith.

Frank Satterwhite and Chris Selig will lead a book discussion on Monday April 9 from 7 pm to 8:30 pm at church. We will discuss Universalism 101 by the Rev. Richard Trudeau.

Books are for sale for \$12. To buy the book and sign up for the discussion contact Chris at scottchris@comcast.net or 510-633-0628.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR ⁴

Celebration!!

How Can We Keep
From Giving?

What: Canvass Sunday

When: March 11, 2012

Service: 10:30 AM

Lunch: 11:45 AM

Bow-tie Pasta with sauce, green salad,
pea salad, and fruit salad
Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options

Come to celebrate our community, share
a meal, and enjoy friendly conversation.



Saturday, April 7 - *Passover Seder Potluck*

Join us for this Family-friendly Religious Festival

Watch for Sign-up Sheet on Table in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 28. *Next Circle Supper*

Enjoy a small group (6 to 10) potluck dinner at a member's home.

Come and have a delightful evening of conversation and food.

New members and friends are especially welcome.

Sign-up Sheet on Table in Fellowship Hall

A giant **THANK YOU** to all for making this year's **Service Auction** a **GREAT SUCCESS!**

The committee; Georgia Gruver, Meg Jurich, Karen Cook and Sherry Thomas; the auctioneers extraordinaire, Doug Sprague and Glen Jacob; the "food procurer", Diane Meyerson; the recorders, Diana Dickerson and Frank Satterwhite; the "there when needed helpers". Lavon Hodges and Walt Korus. Great job, all of you.

The tremendous generosity of the entire congregation made it a fun evening and a big boon to the financial health of our budget.



A large crowd got into the spirit early!

Darryl and Rene Ray
displayed their skills
as the **sommeliers.**



The Food was Fantastic!
Thanks to **Diane Meyerson**
and her **MANY** helpers.

Our auctioneers GLEN JACOB AND DOUG SPRAGUE

made the evening both entertaining

AND lucrative for Starr King.



Frank Satterwhite and Diana Dickerson
kept the records
AND joined in on the fun!





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

	1	Marian Babbidge	16	Renee Ray	
	4	Collin Carrell	17	Ruth Kuffin	
	8	Bill Hitchings	19	Greg Kuffin	
	10	Audrey LePell	22	Karen Cook	
	10	Sierra Gray	22	Kelsie Kramer Stone	
	12	Rebecca Parr	26	Sherry Thomas	
	12	Darryl Ray	26	Maya Para	
	13	Margarita Jacob	28	Bryne Golec	



Sophiana Carrell has turned 21!

Beth Ogilvie's mother is transitioning to Assisted Living.

Allen Williams hit the big 50!

The memorial for Jeannette Berman, former member of Starr King, will be held at the Mission Peak UU church on Washington Blvd. March 10th at 1pm. Cole Hall.

District Assembly 2012

"Transforming Ourselves and the World!"

There is something for everyone at the:

Pacific Central District of the UUA District Assembly 2012

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Pacific Central District - UUA!
Join 400 Vibrant & Vital Unitarian Universalists for a weekend of laughing, learning, networking and worship.

April 27 - 29, 2012
Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel
Oakland, CA

[Visit the PCD District Assembly 2012 web site for information and registration](#)

The Lovers, The DREAMers and Me

By Carey Sanchez Para

Carey is an active member of the

Anti-Racist Multi-Cultural Alliance of Starr King Church

I recently had the opportunity to hear 21 year-old Fermin Mendoza tell his story. Fermin was born in the Mexican border town of Tamaulipas and grew up in Houston, Texas after entering the United States with his family at the age of four on his parents' tourist visa. His parents chose to extend their stay and told him at a young age that he was not a U.S. citizen, and therefore, should not discuss his status because "he didn't have papers." He was undeterred by this fact, studied hard and was admitted to Stanford University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Public Policy in 2011. However, seventeen years since he entered this country, he finds himself in a difficult position because employers won't hire him as an undocumented immigrant.

Thousands of hard working youth, like Fermin, brought into the United States by their families as infants or young children are being incarcerated in federal detention centers and being deported to their country of origin that they barely know as a result of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) raids. In July 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed the California DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) into law that would stop such actions in California. The California DREAM Act allows law-abiding youth, brought into the U.S. before their 16th birthday by their families without proper documentation, to apply for student financial aid and matriculate into college. These undocumented youth must have already attended school regularly and must meet GPA and continuous residency requirements in order to qualify under this act. A recent effort to repeal the California DREAM Act failed to garner enough signatures last month to qualify for the November 2012 ballot.

In 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in "Plyer v. Doe" that K-12 schools couldn't discriminate against students seeking enrollment based on immigration status. However, this ruling did not include enrollment into colleges. A federal DREAM act would enable a path to legalization for undocumented youth brought into this country as children, with good moral character (i.e. not convicted of violating any serious laws) if they agree to enroll in college or serve in the military for two years. A federal DREAM Act would offer a pathway to citizenship and an opportunity to attend college or serve in the military for undocumented youth, like Fermin. During this election year, some presidential candidates are promising to veto any such legislation while other elected officials are trying again to get this legislation passed. As the anniversary of Cesar Chavez's birthday approaches on March 31st, let his words serve as a reminder to our federal government that they must pass and sign the DREAM Act now: "¡Sí, se puede

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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- BOOK CLUB** The book group will meet March 8, 7 PM, at Jo Murdach's (581-6794) to discuss "No Fond Return of Love" by Barbara Pym. Please let Jo know if you plan to attend. It helps with the planning. The April book is "Well Schooled in Murder" by Elizabeth George.
- CHURCH BOOKSTORE** The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday (March 18) after the service
- DRUM CIRCLE** Meets the 1st. Friday (March 2) 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.
- STARR KING ELDERS** Meets every 3rd Wednesday (March 21) at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning about and discussing topics of particular interest to our elder (self-identified) members
- FILM GROUP** The Film group will meet on Saturday, March 24, 2012 At 7:00 P.M. "Champagne For Caesar" (1950) Starring Ronald Colman, Celeste Holm And Vincent Price (Rated G) Comedy Spoof Of Quiz Shows As Genius Fights Back Against Corporate Sponsor. Stuart Fink's Home Let Stuart Know If You Are Coming And Please Bring A Movie Snack To Share.
- JUSTICE ALLIANCE** Meets on the second Sunday (March 11) after the service, at 12:00 PM. In the conference room. All are welcome.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Meets on the third Sunday of each month (March 18), after the service at 12:00 P.M.
- MORNING DISCOVERY** Meets in the fellowship hall from 10 to 11:15 A.M. on first and third Wednesdays (March 7 & 21). 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 (March 16) 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** To join this active, informative and fun group, contact Sara Raymond at seraymond@gmail.com
- SKIFFLE** Meets 1st. Wednesday of the month (March 7) 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. (March 8 & 22)
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