



THE FLAMING CHALICE

MAY WORSHIP THEME: How Can I Keep From Singing?

We'll explore the joy of SKUUC and celebrate our learning

as the sabbatical time comes to a close.

Let's celebrate the harmony of our work as minister and congregation.

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MAY SERVICE PREVIEW

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

MAY 6: Everything I Experience

Led by Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Musical theatre pro Mandy Patinkin puts his all into his singing and performing. Is that what brings him so much success? So much joy? So much life? As we sing hymns today, let us bring ourselves—and a bit of gusto!

MAY 13: Is It Still Okay to Be a Feminist?

Led by Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

What are the kind of things mother's (and others) are concerned with these days? Have they changed any in the last 30 years? Let us celebrate the strides we have made, and consider where we still struggle.

MAY 20: Living Lives of Spiritual Integrity

Led by Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

As we prepare to gather the congregation for its annual meeting, let's consider how these gifts we each bring enrich and enliven this community. We'll honor our volunteers.

MAY 27: For the Earth

Led by Members of the Worship Committee and SKIFFLE

Music has literally set the tone of important eras and struggles in our history. Today church members will present songs from the Revolutionary War, the Great Depression, the Civil Rights movement, and the current ongoing struggle for justice..

ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 20

AFTER SERVICE

Information will be forthcoming via email.

As a Green Sanctuary we will not be giving out the meeting documents sent by email.

Please print only those documents you feel you will need at the meeting.



Return Again

KATIE'S BAY VIEW

May your life preach more loudly than your lips.

–William Ellery Channing

It takes the actual encounter of sabbatical to truly understand the need for one. It took me a good two or three weeks to slow down enough to be able to see what was going on around me. And now, upon return to church it'll take a couple more to figure out how to, "get up to speed". I'm sure it'll take me that long to catch up with what I've missed, with what you're up to personally, and as a congregational whole.

I will bring back with me an open mind and an open heart, ready to listen to your experiences and growth. In my family life, I am well aware that transition time, the daily coming and goings, let alone the returning after an extended time away, can often bring with it, not only excitement but some expectations and imaginations of how things will (or ought to) be. When I return to my house after a long absence, I envision big hugs and joyous reunion. But sometimes, my cats just plain ol' ignore me. I find that I have to give them a little time to adjust to my scurrying about and desire for renewed intimacy. I know that you likely won't ignore me, but I do know you've been doing things somewhat differently and likely have good reason for so doing. I will do my best to tread lightly.

And yet, I do look forward to sharing with you what I have learned during my time away. I have a colleague who after her own time away shared a posting on her Facebook page, "Remember: don't come back to church ready to implement everything I learned on my sabbatical!" And I will heed that reminder. In the wish to not forget what I have learned, I need not foist it upon you, but instead I will find a way to tuck it away, for my own memory, and then slowly share, when, where and if needed.

As I come back to my role as parish minister, I plan on leaving chunks of time available to meet with you, to catch up with you, to discover with you, what you've been through in your days, and what life transitions you've made. I look forward to being with you again, for one of the greatest holes I've had during this fallow time, is that of the joy of deep engagement in religious community.

May my life with you preach ever more loudly than my mouth. I am in gratitude for this time that has allowed for spaciousness to do and be and learn and reflect.

*With Love,
Katie*



Wendy Robertson welcomes her new Grandbaby – Grace.

Collin and Karen Carrell are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Karen Swain was accepted for a semester of study at Leed's University in England.

Jim Forsyth is still recuperating from the bad fall he took in



SKUU BOARD NEWS

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By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President

May greetings! When I was a little boy, my mother would help me make flower-filled May Baskets like the one pictured, to be delivered on May Day (May 1st). We would hang them on the front door knobs of specially loved people (grandparents and a few neighbors), ringing the doorbell and then scurrying away. It was such fun, and May Baskets still live in my consciousness as a celebration of special relationships. (Although to be frank, I have also rung doorbells and run away omitting the May Basket entirely, so the savor of mischief added great appeal.)



May is a month of fruition: the flowers bloom, the air is sweet, the winter is truly behind us, the school year draws to a close and students prepare to advance. For our Starr King family, a joyful part of this fruition will be the return from sabbatical of Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris, our parish Minister. For the last four months, we have had an alternating schedule of guest speakers and lay-led worship on Sunday mornings. The smooth and satisfying progression of these offerings is due in large part to our skillful, creative and committed Worship Committee. They *totally rock!* And now we heartily welcome Rev. Katie back as our regular leader in worship. Her sabbatical studies in music and self-development have enriched and, we hope, refreshed her; we look forward to sharing in the benefits her journey has yielded.

Finally, May at Starr King Church is the month of our congregation's Annual Meeting (May 20th ~ mark your calendars!). It will begin directly after worship service and *we hope you will be there*. All are welcome, and anyone who has been a member for thirty days may vote. As Unitarian Universalists, we cleave to the democratic method. Fundamental authority in church life rests with the congregation: it calls the Minister, votes on the proposed budget and slate of nominees, and takes positions on issues brought before it. The Board of Trustees has *delegated* authority to "stand in the shoes of the congregation" for business and policy purposes; it is your fiduciary in matters affecting the church. It and many other people and committees spent April industriously preparing reports, budgeting, finalizing the Annual Meeting agenda and chasing after loose ends so that we can have a meeting that is meaningful, user-friendly and efficient. We are sending out the Annual Meeting packet electronically, with agenda and reports, to lighten our environmental footprint. If you need a hard-copy mailed to you, please contact the Church Office as soon as possible to make arrangements. *We value and look forward to everyone's participation!*

Warmly,





Religious Exploration

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By Irene Stefanko Director of Religious Exploration

The children and youth of this congregation inspire me. Lily Carrell played three pieces on the piano during the worship service offered by the children and youth the last week of April. The service began with the song "Imagine" was anchored in the middle with the song "Metamorphosis," and ended with the theme from the movie "Up". These music selections were apt and I believe that they capture the children's experience in the last year. The congregation imagined a program deeply rooted in the Unitarian Universalist principles: a program giving children the tools to create beloved community. With the congregation's hard work, the children underwent a metamorphosis and what had only existed in the congregation's imagination became reality. This month the children completed their study of the UU principles for this year, and I believe that I saw a metamorphosis within and between the children. Children, who were timid nine months ago, are engaged and excited. Friendships amongst the children emerged. New ideas about the world, and being in the world found their expression during classes, activities, social justice projects and worship. I believe that the trajectory of the children's religious exploration is UP!

None of this would have been possible without the commitment of the congregation. The Religious Exploration Council, chaired by Doug Sprague, and including Mary Keisling, Allison Prout, Bobby Robinson, Diana Dickerson, Ruth Kufin, and Lea Casini created the vision for, and guided the programming this year. The Board of Trustees, including Andy Hansen, Colleen Dino, Nancy Harrison, Frank Satterwhite, Lea Casini, Roy Dickerson, Georgia Gruver, Glenn Jacob, Donnie Rett and Mary Swain supported the vision.

And the volunteers, oh the volunteers who taught the classes or performed other miracles to make it all happen. I am afraid to name the volunteers by name because I might miss one of the precious souls who helped make the program possible. I hope you will forgive me if I do miss you. The many volunteers include Mary Keisling, Karen and Lily Carrell, Diane Meyerson, Lisa Sciandra and Andrew Bronstein, Allison Prout, Lea Casini, Natalie Forest, Doug Sprague, Bobby Robinson, Stuart and Robin Fink, Linda Miyoshi, Regina Fassano, Donnie Rett, Lavon Hodges, Beth Ogilvie, Zelma Nunez-Burja, Bill and Ruth DeSmidt, Betsy Dye, Al and Jo Murdach, Natasha Arakawa, Anne Chan, Joy Johnson, Dave and Lu Middleton, Walt Korus, Diana and Roy Dickerson, Sara Raymond, Henry Wagner, Melody Appleton, Carey and Maya Sanchez Para, Suzanne, Felicia, and Victoria Quijano, and Michael Pearson. There were the wonderful souls who created a much loved playground, and the parents who brought the children in class even when it seemed so easy for everyone to stay in comfy beds. And I haven't even captured the fact that many of these people volunteer in many different ways. If I have forgotten anyone my deep apologies and my deepest gratitude to all who have breathed life into this Religious Exploration Program.

*Fondly,
Irene*

CHILDREN'S RE HAPPENINGS FOR MAY ⁵

This month the children will be exploring the sixth principle: that is,
"We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world."

DATE

ACTIVITY

MAY 6	This week we will be exploring fairness.
MAY 13	This week we will be exploring peace.
MAY 20	This week we will be exploring freedom.
MAY 27	This week we are going to practice the 6th Principle by preparing donated shoes for delivery to South County Parish

Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

SKUUC COMMITTEE COUNCIL

by Colleen Dino, SKUU Vice President

As Vice President of SKUUC Board of Trustees, one of my responsibilities is to chair the Committee Council Meetings. The meetings takes place once each quarter, and all Committee & Group Chairs are invited to attend.

Our meetings offer a place for committee chairs to engage, support each other, and address any committee issues. We also share resources from the UUA web-site to help us run effective committees.

We continue to find new ways for our groups and committees to interact, by working together to avoid overlap of jobs. Some committees are joining smaller groups to get the work done more effectively.

This year our focus has been on the importance of bringing up leadership in our Committees. We have many great leaders among us, and they have served well on our committees for many years. We encourage our talented volunteers to share responsibilities by adding a co-chair to step in when needed with the goal of becoming committee chair in the future.

Our leadership was certainly tested this year with Rev. Katie on Sabbatical. Each of you played an important role in seeing that our Sunday Services ran smoothly, Visitors and Guests welcomed, Church events (i.e. Service Auction, and Canvass) succeed, and the daily tasks completed to keep us on track from week to week.

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, 2011-2012, each committee is asked to write a report. This is a short summary of the committee, the work they are doing, and any additional resources they may need in the coming year. You will be able to view each report in the complete packet that will be distributed by email prior to our Annual Meeting, held this year on Sunday May 20th.

SHELTER SHUFFLE

Family Emergency Shelter COalition's
25th Annual

Walk-a-thon fun(d) raiser.

Saturday, May 19

San Leandro Marina

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (approx.)

Support this organization that the Starr King congregation helped establish 25 years ago by registering as a participant and gathering supporters for your walk.

Come on out! (It promises to be a lovely day.)



Walk alone and meditate



Walk with a friend and visit

Walk with your pet for the exercise of it!

OR



Just come and enjoy the atmosphere and pledge or gather pledges
(it is a fundraiser)

Go to www.fescofamilyshester.org for further details and/or talk to former participants including Evelyn Cormier (& Coquette) & Diane Meyerson, or to SKUU's FESCO representative, **Donnie Rett**.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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16	Lavon Hodges
21	Karen Kramer
29	Carol Henrie

MAY 14 Pat Kellner
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YEARS YOUNG



Congratulations Starr King Members

Our new **Green Building** has earned the church a bonus credit of 5%. On our **PG&E bill !**

You received a Winter Gas Savings bonus credit!




STARR KING U.U. CHURCH



OPEN MIC NIGHT (Formerly Talent Night)

MAY 19TH

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO
SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT

DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

SHOW STARTS AT 7:30 PM

IF YOU AREN'T PERFORMING
JUST COME AND ENJOY THE SHOW

THIS IS A DESSERT-LUCK
(BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE!)

SIGN-UP SHEET(S) ON THE BACK COMMUNITY TABLE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 6 REV. KATIE RETURNS TO THE PULPIT

MAY 19 FESCO SHELTER SHUFFLE

MAY 19 OPEN MIC AND DESSERT POTLUCK

MAY 20 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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- BOOK CLUB** The book group will meet Thursday, May 10, at 7 PM, at the home of Marge Schwab to discuss *Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love* by Oscar Hijuelos. All are welcome. Please let Marge know if you plan -to attend.
- CHURCH BOOKSTORE** The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday (May 20) after the service
- DRUM CIRCLE** Meets the 1st. Friday (May 4) from 7-9 PM. Come enjoy a fun and spiritual evening
- EVENING MEDITATION** Meets every Wednesday from 7- 8 PM. Come practice meditation and reap its benefits.
- STARR KING ELDERS** Meets every 3rd Wednesday (May 16) 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, May 26, 2012 At 7:00 P.M. "Mission Impossible – Ghost Protocol" (2011) Starring Tom Cruise And Simon Pegg (Rated Pg-13) Action thriller which got great reviews for Direction, Action Sequences And Screenplay. Come, Enjoy! 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 (May 13) after the service, at 12:00 PM. In the conference room. All are welcome.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Meets on the third Sunday of each month (May 20), **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 (May 2 & 16). 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 (May 18) 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 (May 2) 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. (May 10 & 24)

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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