



THE FLAMING CHALICE

JULY WORSHIP THEME:

To See the Summer Sky is Poetry

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BOARD NEWS

A meeting will be scheduled for a Financial Presentation/Q&A

Cottage Restoration project -the RE Council was asked to determine what will need to be done at the "Work Party" July 7th. (See pg. 6)

Report from Committee on Ministry: Diana Dickerson reported that in order to learn generally, what is and is not working within the church, COM is planning an e-survey of the congregation,

DRE hiring team announced they have interviewed two applicants. No decision has been made.

Due to the 4th of July holiday there will be no meeting in July. Next meeting August 2, 2012,

JULY SERVICE PREVIEW

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

JULY 1 What Would You Do With Your One Wild And Precious Life?

—**Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris and congregation**
Mary Oliver's poem is the impetus for today's worship focus. Let's listen to vision and dreams from members of the congregation, from the youngest to eldest.

JULY 8 Gaia, Mother Earth and the Oneness of Everything

~**Jim Scott, musician, pulpit guest**

The idea of Mother Earth or "Gaia" being a living organism with the same physical attributes as humans leads us to a deeper connection with our life support system. Churches can offer the "spiritual response" so timely now, as "the spirit of life on earth is in crisis." Let song provide the balance to the "wake up call," and leave with a vision and inspiration to take the healing into our own hands.

JULY 15 Book Culture

~**Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris**

Recently deceased UU Ray Bradbury said, "You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them." Let's keep the culture of reading alive with an annual book communion. Bring a book to give away and choose another today to take home.

JULY 22: Mrs. Emerson's Family Meeting

Al Murdach, pulpit guest

Today's service is a "reader's theatre" bringing history and religion together in an enlivening and accessible spirit. Join in fun, and take home learning and possibly new questions.

JULY 29 What about God?

Jim Craig, pulpit guest

If, as some of us believe, the traditional picture of God (as loving heavenly Father, etc.) is no longer adequate or credible, what CAN we believe? One possible answer comes from ancient China.



To See the Summer Sky

KATIE'S BAY VIEW ²

Where I live, there is no patch of green grass to lie in and look up at the sky. But that's not the only thing that makes for a great summer day, right? Maybe it's just an extended sense of the day, the time to enjoy your evening meal on the patio. Or there are those in our congregation who love to climb up high on a ridge and take in the expanse of the great world, others who dive down deep into the ocean to discover the wet part of the globe. I like to have time to wander the farmer's market, to watch the fireworks after the baseball game, and to take a trip to be a fan at my daughter's dance competition.

Summer feels like a time where struggles and difficulty shouldn't exist, although we know that's not the case. There is still illness and loss, stress and intense work, and days that are much more filled than to allow an hour in the grass. But I hope you will make time—and yes, sometimes you must insist on relaxation as a priority—I hope you will carve out time for blessed summer enjoyment. In a sense, it is a place to pray, a place to find your most intimate self. (See poem below.)

Love, Katie

The Summer Day

Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?



Al and Jo Murdach are celebrating their 40th Anniversary

Felicia Quijano has just completed Elementary School

Chloe Dye graduated as Salutatorian of her class.



SKUU BOARD NEWS

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By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President



July greetings! We are entering the famous “Dog Days” of summer, often a very warm period variously counted from early July to late August or even September. I always associated “Dog Days” with a blood hound snoozing on a shaded porch: an example worth emulating!

In fact, the term “Dog Days” honors Sirius, the celestial dog. Egyptians, Greeks and Romans all noted that in these weeks the Dog Star Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, rose with the sun. (It no longer does, as our planetary axis shifts.) The rage of Sirius was said to cause punishing heat (sort of a cosmological growl?), a season when “dogs grew mad, and all other creatures became languid, causing to man, among other diseases, burning fevers, hysterics and phrensies.”,

Blessedly, we’ve evolved to marking the Dog Days with fireworks, picnics, family time and climate control! (And by the way, I am *really* enjoying the pleasantly cool interior of our Sanctuary even on a warm day, thanks to our lovely and environmentally friendly renovation.)

We talk a lot about Shared Ministry in our congregation. Most simply, this means we charge ourselves with caring for and serving one another. Do you pause to acknowledge your personal ministry outside of Starr King as you go through the week? Every smile, every “thank you,” every sincere “how are you?” might be an example of *your* ministry to your fellows. Are your ministrations intentional or distracted? All too often, mine can get distracted and automatic, but boy, when someone smiles *right at me*, my heart truly warms. My job is to pass it along. Sometimes high temperatures bring short tempers, in hustling crowds or hustling traffic. Charity and forbearance are not always my *urges*, but I love including them in my cherished principles and hope they guide my behavior.

Did you know that Starr King Church has a Covenant of Good Relations, devised by and for our congregation? Check it out at StarrKing.org/Covenant-of-Good-Relations. Sunday morning worship and indeed all our times together are ideally a sanctuary of kindness, respect, inclusion and love. To foster this vision, we pledge to strive together to make our interactions supportive and, in times of disagreement, always respectful. Do we blow it occasionally? YES! But each day we have the opportunity to lift our own spirit and those around us, *to make this plane of existence incrementally better*. July is also National Ice Cream Month.

Coincidence? The satisfaction of daily improving the interdependent web of existence with simple loving gestures and kind words surely is ice cream for the soul.

So have two scoops!

Warmly,





RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION ⁴

Diana Dickerson, Conveynor RE Council

We are missing our wonderful DRE, Irene Stefanko. She is a tough act to follow. Still, we are looking forward to our Summer FunShops.

This is a time when our congregation gets a chance to strut their stuff with our youngsters. Roy Dickerson is doing another Solar Oven Project and Donnie Rett is sharing a Pressed Flower Project. Sara Raymond will get our kids moving with the Hula. Our Board of Trustees President, Andy Hansen, will be teaching American Sign Language, and our Vice President will round out July with her Earthquake Awareness Seminar.

Many of our Summer Teachers come back again and again because it is very rewarding to spend thirty or forty minutes with our younger congregants. They generally are full of surprises and energy, but they also are often very insightful and always amazing.

We still have a few openings for Assistants. If you are interested, please feel free to call me at 510.786.2922 or email at daesworkgd@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S RE HAPPENINGS FOR JULY

Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

DATE	ACTIVITY
JULY 1	AMERICAN SIGN with Andy Hansen
JULY 8	HULA with Sara Raymond
JULY 15	PRESSED FLOWER PROJECT with Donnie Rett
JULY 22	SOMETHING FUN with Suzanne Quijano
JULY 29	EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS with Colleen Dino

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Daniel Casini	27	Laurie Matthews
3	Jo Murdach	28	Natalie Forrest
13	Audrey Miyoshi	30	Nathan Ray
15	Evelyn Cormier	30	Jessica Schuler
24	Doug Sprague	31	Amber Gable
26	Lillian Carrell		

700% INCREASE IN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

HOW CAN WE FEED THE HUNGRY WITH FRESH FOOD?

SKUU members and Sunnyslope Family Farm owners Darryl and Renee Ray are now selling produce every Sunday in the upper parking lot from 11:30 – 12:30 PM. We still have tons of lettuce growing. We took 18 heads to the South Hayward Parish Food pantry. While there we talked to Ralph and his wife Faye, both volunteers, and got a better idea of how their food pantry works. Here is some interesting info:

- In 1996, the food pantry used to serve 35,000 people a year. They now serve 250,000. That's 700% more!
- Recently, in one 2 1/2 hour time period, the food pantry had 72 families totaling 215 people that they needed to supply three days of food to. They should give each family member, for example, three oranges, but sometimes they have less. This is where our Urban Orchards program really helps out.
- The food pantry is open Tues-Fri, 3-5:30 PM. By Thursday they are usually very low on produce given by the food bank. It is small donations from the community that help them make it through the week; hence, the Urban Orchards project was started.
- They are always low on protein sources, so those of you in our Egg CSA know that all of the eggs you have donated are a real help, especially to the senior citizens. FYI, we have now donated over 90 dozen eggs since last September!!!! MANY THANKS!

The URBAN ORCHARDS is the Green Sanctuary Environmental Justice project. For more information, go to - <http://southhaywardparish.org/urban-orchards/>. You can also contact Renee Ray at (510) 206-9457 or this email or renee@sunnyslopefamilyfarm.com.

WHAT YOU CAN DO! - Sunnyslope Family Farm is taking all of their unsold produce from Sunday to the food pantry every Tuesday, and again on Thursday, to help them out. If you have any produce growing that you would like to donate, The Urban Orchards volunteers will come by and glean your trees or pick it up. SSFF will also take any of your produce if you bring it to us on Sunday between 11:30 - 12:30, during our Farmer's Market in the upper parking lot. Just make sure it is the type of produce that will still be good for a Tuesday drop off. With all of us giving just a bit, we can help feed the hungry in our community with locally grown, fresh produce!

Renee Ray
Sunnyslope Family Farm
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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sat. July 7 9:00 AM - 5 PM WORK PARTY

If you are interested in helping prepare two classrooms for our children and youth, please come and help clean the two cottages behind the social hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sorting, moving items, washing and sweeping will be part of this project. Some cleaning materials will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own. If you would like to bring some refreshments for the work party, we would love it! Please contact Lea Casini (537-7419) or Diana Dickerson if you have any questions .

Sat. July 28 CIRCLE SUPPER

Join other members for a for a fun evening on July 28th. You will meet at one member's home for a potluck supper and lots of great conversation. This is your chance to get to know other members in a more intimate setting.

The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall or contact Joyce Kinnear



JO MURDACH AND EVELYN CORMIER

**carry the Starr King Banner at the opening ceremonies of the
UUA General Assembly, Phoenix, Arizona**

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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BOOK CLUB The book group will meet Thursday, July 12, to discuss the book *Slaves in the Family* by Edward Ball.
The group will meet at 7 PM on that Thursday at the home of Natalie Forrest and Doug Sprague, 510-886-1480. Please call the hosts to let them know you are planning to attend.

CHURCH BOOKSTORE The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday (July 15) after the service

DRUM CIRCLE Meets the 1st. Friday (July 6) 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 (July 18) 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, July 14, 2012 At 7:00 P.M. at Stuart Fink's Home. The movie this month will be "The Artist" (2011) Best Film Oscar For 2011 Starring Jean Dujardin And Berenice Bejo; Tribute to The Silent Film Era (Rated Pg-13).
Come, Enjoy! Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.

JUSTICE ALLIANCE Meets on the second Sunday (July 8) after the service, at 12:00 PM in the conference room. All are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Meets on the third Sunday of each month (July 15), 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 (July 4 & 18). 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 20) 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 **DUE TO THE 4th. OF JULY HOLIDAY SKIFFLE WILL MEET NEXT THE 1ST. WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST**

SKIT Improv. group meets in the Sanctuary on 2nd. and 4th. Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. (July 12 & 26)

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