



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

JUNE WORSHIP THEME: **'Round Me Close:**

**We'll explore the power of community!**

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## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**THE CONGREGATION APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:**

- Elected B. of T. and Nom. Comm. for 2012-2013 (See Pg. 5 for listing of each)
- The 2012-2013 Budget
- Change in Bylaws, Articles VII (Board of Trustees) and VIII (Officers):

Eliminated the requirement for liaisons to serve on the committees for which they serve as liaison.

Allows the Treasurer to serve more than 3 terms.

Moved descriptions the officers duties to the Manual for the Board of Trustees,

- **Article IX, Paragraph E (Committee on Ministry):**

Clarification of the mission and role of the committee.

- **Church Name Change:**

Changes the official name of the church to Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church.

- **Resolution of Support for the UU Service Committee Occupy Movement Letter**

## **JUNE SERVICE PREVIEW** **Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

### **JUNE 3: Religion Beyond the Walls**

Led by Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

On this day we will welcome our newest members. We'll also acknowledge our changing world, one in which fewer people are members of churches. How do we keep Unitarian Universalism alive and thriving? How does this congregation continue to thrive?

### **JUNE 10: Gather in Gratitude**

Led by Irene Stefanko and Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Today we'll celebrate the community that is the religious exploration program, that is, the entire congregation! Come rejoice, worship and then share a lunch offered in gratitude by the children and youth. We'll say good-bye to our professional religious educator, and thank her for the richness she brought to our program.

### **JUNE 17: California in the Civil War**

Led by Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Last year on Father's Day, the topic from this pulpit was Thomas Starr King. On this Sunday, we'll delve deeper into California's special role in the Civil War, and how Starr King was a central figure in moving California into the Union.

### **JUNE 24: Embracing Your Own Cult**

Led by Bob Meyerson, pulpit guest

We are nurtured by our faith and our associations. Does it matter if someone else decides that your particular passion is a cult? If your support group is labeled a cult, is it any less your emotional haven?



# 'Round Me Close KATIE'S BAY VIEW<sup>2</sup>

As I write, it's graduation day for some dear folks I know. Tomorrow there are others who graduate, and in the weeks to come, still more commencements from high school, college and more. I'll be hanging around the "graduation" section of the Hallmark rack, and considering the milestones and accomplishments of loved ones and acquaintances near and far.

As far as I know, we don't have anyone graduating who is connected with our church, and I hope you'll let me know if I am wrong about that, because one of things that religious community does is recognize important milestones like graduations. A number of years ago, we had a large group of high school "bridgers," seniors who were moving to their next stage. For some it would be a four year school, for others, community college, and still others would be moving on to other work or life discernment. It's becoming increasingly difficult to stay connected to young people. Youth and young adults often find their lives full and stretched to capacity, not always leaving room for a Sunday morning traditional church experience.

From what we are discovering, it doesn't mean they still don't consider themselves Unitarian Universalist. Over 650,000 people call themselves UU, when only 160,000 of them belong to churches. All the more reason we need to look outside of our doors when we consider whom it is we serve. I hope you'll look on our website for links to the good work that our movement is doing beyond our particular Hayward church.

The YouTube video, *Congregations and Beyond*, featuring the Rev. Terasa Cooley, talks about the challenges we face and direction we aim to take. I'll also preach on it on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I'll be participating in Ministry Days and General Assembly to be held this year in Phoenix, Arizona near the end of June. Our members Jo Murdach and Evelyn Cormier will also be in attendance and will serve with me as delegates. Please watch for my Weekly Updates where I'll keep you posted as to what's going on. If you don't get the Minister's Weekly Update but you want to, you can sign up on the front page of our website, [www.starrking.org](http://www.starrking.org).

Wise words from Confucius, advise, "Wherever you go, go with all your heart." And for some of us, just witnessing these graduations are a reminder that we are all moving on. Let us do so, with all our hearts.

*With Love, Katie*

Please hold **Janet Durant** in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to live with cancer.



We congratulate **Ruth Kuffin** for completing and graduating from the Alameda County Master Gardener training course.

Our heartfelt thoughts to **Doris Dunbar-Haskell** as she grieves the passing of her sister.





# SKUU BOARD NEWS

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By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President

## June greetings!

It is the Northern Solstice on June 20th, and we enjoy noting it as the longest day of the year. Whose heart hasn't cheered at the thought of darkness at bay, then saddened a bit to know the days already grow shorter? The psychosocial difference between darkness and light is perhaps less for us than any of our forbears, for we live in a conveniently, near omnipresent, well-lighted time and nation.

Indeed, in urban living it can be the *darkness* that is hard to come by and precious, especially if one craves a starry sky. Yet our deepest cultural bones understand that daylight nourishes and protects us and we look forward to its maximum.



June is also the month most preferred for weddings, and this traces back to Juno, the goddess/patron of marriage and newlyweds. It is lucky to marry in "her" month; yet how many June marriers give Juno a passing thought? Darned few, of course, but the connection remains vibrant: those cultural bones again.

June is LGBTQ Pride Month, too. In light of President Obama's recent support for marriage equality, I'm guessing it will be especially positive. I sharply disagree with people who believe marriage is solely a sacrament between a man and a woman. Still, are

these folks listening to *their* cultural bones? It's easiest to think that they're having their prejudices cynically manipulated for someone's political gain, but who am I to say *their bones* are not speaking to them? Do the "bones" get it wrong sometimes? Maybe they do. When others voice ideas that seem parochial or even repugnant to me, ought I to feel compassion for *their own relation to personal moral imperatives*, if those imperatives are manifestly inconsistent with my more liberal human and Unitarian Universalist social principles?

To stir the pot a bit more: Writer and advice columnist Dan Savage penned a 1999 article I read today, saying that it is/was time to move *past* gay pride, that pride is essentially a misleading and unsupported view of what it "means" to be LGBTQ. Says he, "being gay or lesbian is not--repeat, not--an accomplishment, and it's nothing anyone really has a right to take pride in. What matters is *how* a person is gay, not *that* a person is gay[....] All gays and lesbians do not agree with each other, do not like each other, and do not look out for each other.... Gay isn't good--and it isn't bad. Gay just is." Savage's notion would apply to other largely immutable traits like skin color or gender, too. Is there still a place for "pride?" What do *YOU* think?

Warmly,







# Religious Exploration

By Irene Stefanko Director of Religious Exploration

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." -

Marcel Proust

Ahhhhhh, and what I know for sure is that every single person in this loving congregation, are gardeners, are charming gardeners, no, are master gardeners of the soul. My heart swells with gratitude for all your kindheartedness, thoughtfulness, imagination, and support over the last year. And you can't imagine the joy the children have etched with their crayons and chats into my soul! I am blessed with memories of your friendship forever,

*Fondly Irene*

## CHILDREN'S RE HAPPENINGS FOR MAY Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

DATE	TITLE	ACTIVITY
JUNE 3	PICTURES OF GRATITUDE	The children will prepare for next week's luncheon by creating pictures of gratitude!
JUNE 10	MULTIGENERATIONAL SERVICE	To honor those who made the Religious Exploration program possible. After the service the youth and children will host a luncheon.
JUNE 17	FUNSHOP WITH DIANA DICKERSON	The children will create pictures for note cards. These are used as "Thank-you's" throughout the congregation.
JUNE 24	FUNSHOP WITH ROBIN FINK	TO BE ANNOUNCED

*Oodles of Blessings Irene*



**Pat Kellner**, long time Starr King member was honored by the congregation and many of her family members in celebration of her

## 90th Birthday

**SKUU members, friends and canine family members at the Shelter Shuffle fun(d)raiser, San Leandro Marina, May 19**



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2012-2013

President, Andy Hansen  
 Vice President, Colleen Dino  
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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2012-2013

Rebecca Parr	one year term filling a vacancy
Robin Fink	second year of two year term
Carey Sanchez-Para	second year of two year term
Chris Selig	second year of two year term
Jo Murdach	first year of first two year term
Mary Lasack	Alternate, first year of first term

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## ***Sat. June 9 GAY PROM***

The 18th annual gay prom is coming up fast. Please volunteer or donate - or both. See [www.gayprom.org](http://www.gayprom.org) for details.

Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

Location: Chabot College

## ***Sun. June 10 COM-COM DEMO DAY***

The Communications Committee Demo Day features stations demonstrating the Church Website, Facebook page, Yahoo group, and more. Please come by during coffee hour to see what we've created, ask questions, and give us your suggestions. Beginners and experts are welcome.

Time: 12 pm - 1 pm

Location: In the Sanctuary

## ***Sun. June 10 GOOD NIGHT (BYE) IRENE***

Plan on attending a fond farewell to Irene our beloved DRE. There will be yummy treats served during the coffee hour after service.

Time: 11:30 am

Location: Starr King Church, Fellowship Hall

## ***Sat. July 28 CIRCLE SUPPER***

Sign up (in Fellowship Hall) for a fun night of socializing with a group of friendly church members at someone's home.

You will enjoy meeting old and new friends over a potluck supper!

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# ***South Hayward Parish Needs Your Food Donation!***

**South Hayward Parish Food Pantry** serves an average of 1,390 individuals each month for a total of 16,680 meals a year.

**Starr King UU Church** is a committed member of **SHP**.

Donated food is collected in the hamper located in our foyer.

The pantry is requesting the following: **canned vegetables, fruit, fish, meat, soups, stews, beans, & evaporated milk, pasta, tomato sauce, condiments, cooking oil, bread & tortillas.**

For further information contact Meg Jurich at [margaretjurich@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretjurich@yahoo.com)

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# ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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**BOOK CLUB** The book group will meet Thursday, June 14th at 7 PM at Joyce Kinnear's home (885-0781) to discuss a book by the well-known author Joyce Carol Oates. The title is *Fair Maiden*. Whether or not you have read the book you are welcome to attend. Please let Joyce know so we have enough cookies to go around. The July book is *Slaves in the Family* by Edward Ball.

**CHURCH BOOKSTORE** The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday (June 17) after the service

**DRUM CIRCLE** Meets the 1st. Friday (June 1) 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 (June 20) 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, June 30, 2012 At 7:00 P.M. at Stuart Fink's Home. The movie this month will be "A Matter Of Life And Death" (1946) Starring David Niven, Kim Hunter And Richard Attenborough (Rated Pg). A classic drama fantasy about a fallen British aviator who mistakenly did not die. Come, Enjoy! Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.

**JUSTICE ALLIANCE** Meets on the second Sunday (June 10) after the service, at 12:00 PM in the conference room. All are welcome.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Meets on the third Sunday of each month (June 17), **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 (June 6 & 20). 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 22) 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](mailto:seraymond@gmail.com)

**SKIFFLE** Meets 1st. Wednesday of the month (June 6) 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 7 & 21)



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# HOW TO REACH US

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## Church Office Hours

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

## Church Leadership

### Board of Trustees

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Minister: Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

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## Committee Chairs

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Kitchen Manager – Sherry Thomas

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R.E. Council – Doug Sprague

SKARF – Carey Sanchez Para

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Social Justice – Evelyn Cormier

South Hayward Parish – Jim Forsyth, Meg Jurich

Sunday Coffee – Lavon Hodges

Ushers – Susan Blanc

Volunteer Coordinator – Karen Cook

Worship Committee – Bob Meyerson

## Publishing Deadline:

**2nd Sunday of the Month Prior to Publication.**

Please put all contributions in writing & keep articles under 500 words.

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