



THE FLAMING CHALICE

OCTOBER WORSHIP THEME:
RETURN AGAIN

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BOARD NOTES

1. The Finance Committee will provide an after-service overview of the church budget on Sept. 30.
2. Keith Lewis presented the survey that COM has prepared for the congregation.
3. In an effort to continue cooperation between the Board and the COM, Board members signed-up for attendance at COM meetings
4. The Board approved a request from Frank Burton for the church to sponsor the film "Heist" on Sept. 30. (No financial help was requested)

OCTOBER SERVICE PREVIEW

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

OCT. 7 *People of All Genders, Come Out!*

Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris and
Beth Ogilvie, pulpit guest

Thursday, October 11th is National Coming Out Day. Today we'll celebrate Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender folk exactly as they are, and honor too, those straight people who are allies. How can we continue to be a Welcoming Congregation that walks its talk?

OCT. 14 *Unity and Diversity in the 21st Century*

Rev. Mark Kiyamba, pulpit guest and
Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Starr King UU Church is honored to welcome Ugandan LGBT activist and Unitarian Universalist minister Mark Kiyamba. How does the ancient scripture speak to the human identity struggles that we face today?

OCT. 21 *Returning to the Sacred*

Roy King, Jr., intern minister

In our frantic and complex lives, should we be searching for peace within our inner selves or in the sacred corners of our world? Is there even a difference between the two quests?

OCT. 28 *The Leaves Where You Walk Do Not Stir*

Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris,
Roy King, Jr. and Darcy Baxter

We will gather all together to consider this time when the veil between the living and the dead is most transparent. Please bring photos of loved ones passed for the altar and we'll sing songs and light candles in remembrance.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL Day of the Dead Service
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO WEAR COSTUMES



Ministry is Creative

KATIE'S BAY VIEW

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One of the goals I've created for myself this church year is to keep the creativity that was inspired by my sabbatical time in clear view. I want to remember the joy, the beauty the gifts that were gathered up and rediscovered there. For the most part, I've realized I just don't have time to keep up with many of those practices—my singing classes, my ukulele lessons—there just aren't enough hours in the day to be able to fit them in.

But a few spiritual practices that I began prior to or during my sabbatical I have kept. Last fall, I began a photo-taking practice that now feels very essential to my creative spirit. I've managed to integrate it into my daily routine, finding that there is always room to experience beauty or discover a new angle on a view not previously noticed. I take the photos, make editing adjustments, and post them to at least three different online groups.

My dear friend and colleague, Rev. Michelle Favreault, who is a member of SKUUC, leads with a mantra: "Fixing is reactive. Ministry is creative." This is a good thing for ministers to remember, but when we think of ministry as something shared by us all, the reminder that "ministry is creative" helps us take what I believe is a healthier approach to the problems that we face, both at church, and in the other aspects of our lives.

In church, we often struggle with the "problem-saturated story" that focuses on who or what has been wrong. The story gets bigger and deeper and it keeps us from seeing the larger perspective. Leadership guru Ron Heifetz suggests finding the "balcony view" that allows us to step up off the court and find a more removed view. We can stand outside the problem and see it a little more clearly.

During the time the Jewish people were in exile, the prophet Jeremiah refused to succumb to despair. He said, "Build houses to dwell in; plant gardens, and eat their fruits...Promote the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you; pray for it to the Lord, for upon its welfare depends your own."

When I look at my world from a balcony perspective I see possibility. Like my photo practice. Apples on the table are beautiful abundance. Rows of green picnic tables next to the community little league fields are welcome tables. The eucalyptus from behind are a completely different grove than from the west-side dawn. My patio in early evening is another place completely than in the morning light. And I am finding room to see all of these views, in the every day.

Creativity allows us to see more clearly, to not be so attached to a problem, to step out for another perspective. May our shared ministry be creative.

*In faith,
Katie*

Jody Distler-Dill turned 70.

Doris Dunbar-Haskell celebrates 1 year at her new digs.

Karen Swain is engaged to Walt Jusino.

Hank Wagner and **Emma Middleton** started new schools.

Andrew Lasack Chappel is married and has joined the Navy.





President's Message

By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President



October greetings! I love the autumn months, and by October the season has generally begun in earnest, with the appearances of winter squash and pomegranates, perhaps even a few early persimmons. A season of savor and depth.

In autumn we tend to move indoors, gather together and take stock of our lives and relationships. The phrase "taking stock" directly reflects the traditional and necessary autumn culling of domestic herds, based on estimating which animals are needed for food and also on how many animals can live on the available feed through the non-foraging months until Spring. The season of bounty is inevitably shadowed with the specters of loss and privation; this was a basic truth in agricultural societies and persists in our industrialized, technology-rich society where many enjoy plenitude far beyond their capacity to consume, while others remain in want.

October is also special in less-venerable ways. For example, it is both Lesbian Gay History Month and Filipino-American History Month, reminding us to reconsider and expand our notions about cultural contributors who haven't often gotten a fair shake in our history books. October 10th is Columbus Day; *there's* a holiday that engenders some sharply divided views! I prefer to think of it as Indigenous Peoples Day, but in our culture which is so bound up with European influences, is there not a place to celebrate when those influences [purportedly] first came to the American continents? You tell me.

And be sure to mark your calendars with a star on October 11th, because that's National Coming Out Day. Coming out as a gay teenager changed my life. Boy, it was a scary undertaking! But so many positive relationships and so much support have come to me because of it. Coming out is an act of self-liberation and also a helping hand to those who are living in fear, sometimes well-justified fear. Although this day started around LGBT empowerment, it's really larger than that. Think: Is there something about you, like a life-changing experience, an allegiance or an immutable characteristic that has greatly marked your life and identity but might not be apparent to others? Might *your* coming-out, even in a small way, serve your community by offering a vision of courage and hope to someone else? For me, it is an article of faith that coming out *does* help other people, though who has been helped or when may never be known to me. Ideally, as I envision it, coming out is a *way of life*, a constant reaching-out to those hidden and isolated within our Beloved Community. It is a special gift of fellowship that perhaps only *you* can offer.

Warmly





Slowing Down and Noticing in Autumn

October is the strangest month, full of paradoxical feelings and transfixing images. I remember as a kid growing up back East in Erie, PA, staring out the window of my elementary school classroom, and being transfixed by the scarlet and tangerine leaves dropping from maples into swirly clusters on the ground. The wind, the vividness and the shifting quality of nature, all conspired to distract me from paying attention to my rather stern teachers. But that was the allure of autumn.

As an adult I learned about the Neopagan holiday, Samhain, marking the end of harvest, the transition from light to darkness and the thinning of the veil between the secular and the sacred. This is a wonderful antidote to the parade of witches and goblins on Halloween or maybe even a parallel and simultaneous ritual that can symbolize the soul's returning home to the sacred realm as both the earth and we begin to quiet ourselves for winter.

At Starr King UU Church, like the upcoming Samhain and fall foliage splurge, I am noticing that the rush of September return through the restarting of our liturgical year at the water communion is slowing down; we are catching our breaths, and I, as the new intern, am feeling connected to the many new and exciting people I have met at the church. There is a sense of freedom, commitment and vibrancy at Starr King—in the worship, the social justice action, religious exploration and the hospitality—that all offer sanctuary to our parched souls seeking respite from the frenzy of the secular world. October is the strangest month.

Peace, Roy

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

7 WENDY ROBERTSON

8 SCOTT KINNEAR

19 DAVID MIYOSHI

25 FRANK PERRY



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

By Darcy Baxter Dir. of Family Ministry

Sitting in a stroller. Bright red hair, eyes wide open-- a two-year old is transfixed by his mother rehearsing a song for worship.

Two children, curled up in a window in the sanctuary, watching blue-birds (or is it blue-jays?)

In my first month here at SKUUC, these two images are prominent in my mind. In one of my meetings with Diana Dickerson, I found myself talking about the special spark there seems to be in the SKUUC community, particularly in how many of the adults pay such loving attention to the little ones running, bouncing, and prancing around. There is a sense of connection and community that is special. Children are present and apart of the community-- you'll find them in a rehearsal or curled up in a sanctuary window. I know many UU congregations struggle with "the feel" of the relationship between children, youth, and adults. When it comes to our children's spiritual and moral development, this elusive but palpable sense of warmth, care, and respect between the younger and the older is absolutely essential to teaching our children what Unitarian Universalism is. I want the children to learn that a UU congregation is a truly safe, multigenerational community, where the people of our faith, of all ages and life stages, can come together and be ALL of who they are.

One of the most important legacies of Unitarian Universalism is its approach to education. In many religions, the approach to spiritual development and religious education take the form of indoctrination—instruction in dogma and ritual. In liberal traditions, like ours, our goal is to nurture the unfolding of children’s unique spirituality and to cultivate strong moral character through the relationships and traditions of our religious community. The lessons our community members teach on Sunday morning are just one part of children’s religious education—we are all teachers and we are all learners! May we continue to fan the flames of this special SKUUC spark I have noticed, where care, acceptance, and support is experienced by all—particularly our children!

Blessings, Darcy, D.F.M.

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

| DATE | ACTIVITY |
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| OCT. 7 | Conscience |
| OCT. 14 | Hearing Your Inner Voice |
| OCT. 21 | Honoring Our Ancestors: Preparing for Dias de Los Muertos |
| OCT. 28 | Multi-generational Sunday: Dias de Los Muertos CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR COSTUMES |

Starr King Welcomes the Middleton Family



LU AND DAVID MIDDLETON EMMA & MAYA

Lu was raised in Southern CA.

She expresses appreciation for her loving upbringing and efforts her parents made to raise her sister and herself a loving nurturing environment.

Lu studied Criminal Justice and Business Management at Old Dominion University in Virginia. She found her passion while working with special education students, many with autism, and this prompted her to pursue her teaching credential in San Diego. She moved with David to the Bay Area where they were married in 2006 and soon

welcomed Emma and Maya 😊 into the family She has been a special education teacher for the past 8 years and currently teaches at Dublin High School. She loves running, playing words with friends, scrabble, and reading T.S. Elliot and Tom Robbins.

David was raised in the Bay Area surrounded by a family with many teachers and librarians. Growing up he observed how rewarding these careers could be. He went to UCLA to study Political Science and Communication Studies. He met Lu in San Diego where they were both waiters at the same restaurant while they were each pursuing their teaching credentials. David and Lu married in Half Moon Bay and enjoy time spent with their two daughters Emma and Maya. David is a Social Studies teacher at Foothill High School in Pleasanton. He enjoys time outdoors, playing tennis, and studying history and politics...and rooting for the Oakland A's.

TIME TO START MAKING PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**Donnie Rett has kindly offered to
again organize our**

STARR KING THANKSGIVING

**Watch the Back Table and
Next Month's Chalice
For More Information**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun, Sept. 30 After Service  Budget Overview
- Sun, Sept. 30 1:30-4  Justice Alliance Presentation of HEIST
- Thur., Oct. 4, 7 p.m.  Next BOT Meeting
- Sun. Oct. 7 12:00  Welcoming Congregation Refresher Program
- Sun. Oct. 14, 12:00  Ballot Measure Discussion
- Sat., Oct. 20,  Circle Supper
- Sat. and Sun., Oct. 27th & 28th  Fall Dinner Theater "Five Years"
- Sun., Oct. 28,  Multi-generational Celebration:
Dias de Los Muertos (Costumes are Encouraged)

REMINDER!

JUSTICE ALLIANCE Pro and Con Meeting on California State Propositions

OCT. 14 12:00 (note date & time change)

Discussion of League of Women Voters Recommendations

"Five Years"

DINNER THEATER COMING IN OCTOBER! Another wonderful, entertaining play written by our own Glen Jacobs, "Five Years" is a musical comedy about the world suffering from a series of major disasters, and all of mankind will be dead within five years.

Now that we have your attention, the good news is the play will be held *exclusively* at SKUU church on Sat. October 27th (doors open 6 PM, play at 6:30 PM), and Sun. October 28th (doors open 2 PM, play starts at 2:30 PM. Tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, September 30th. Cost is \$25, paid in advance. Hurry, as these tickets go fast! See Renee Ray for sign ups, or email her at choidle@yahoo.com.

Welcoming Congregation Refresher Program ⁸

Ten years ago this congregation completed the UUA Welcoming Congregation Program. **On Sunday, October 7**, we'll celebrate our 10th anniversary and launch a refresher program to extend and deepen our welcome. We will introduce it in worship, and after the service, at 12 PM in the sanctuary, we'll discuss it and start putting together a task force.

In the refresher program, we hope to extend our understanding, our acceptance, our welcome, and our love to people of all genders, and look for ways to extend this welcome to people of all races and ethnicities, all abilities, and all ages.

The refresher program has 3 aspects:

Education. Possible topics include bisexual, transgender, and queer issues; inclusive language; how to be more welcoming.

Congregational Life. This program touches all aspects of congregational life - worship, RE, hospitality and membership, and so on. If it's going to be completely successful, we need the active participation of every person in the congregation. The task force will inspire and coordinate, but we're looking to each committee to provide leadership in its area. And we'll all need to learn and practice inclusive language.

Community Outreach. Possibilities include promoting BGLTQ-related services and educational programs to the community; letting the BGLTQ community know there's a church that will accept and cherish them; exploring ways to be of service to the BGLTQ community.

Please come on Sunday, October 7 - both to the service and to the meeting at 12. We need representatives from all aspects of congregational life. Come whether you're interested in the whole program or only part, or just wonder what it's about.

Questions? See <http://uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program/186436.shtml> or ask Beth Ogilvie. The UUA website has many excellent resources.

Next Circle Supper — Saturday, October 20

DINNER AND GREAT CONVERSATION WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW

Sign-up at the back table in the Fellowship Hall

Each person brings a dish to someone's home, and all share a dinner with a group of fun conversationalists!

We are always looking for new members and friends to attend, so that we can all get to know each other, so don't be shy about signing up!

There is always a family-friendly dinner, and we make sure that there is something to eat for every type of diet. See Joyce Kinnear if you have any questions."

HEIST

WHO STOLE THE AMERICAN DREAM? – AND HOW WE CAN GET IT BACK!

This special showing and discussion will be led by Heist
Producer Donald Goldmacher

Sunday, September 30, 1:30 – 4:00 pm

HEIST is a political thriller that pulls no punches, with either party, revealing how the US economy was hollowed out by four decades of deregulation, massive job outsourcing, and government favoring the super-rich. With expert testimony and razor sharp analysis, HEIST provides the perfect tool to deepen the emerging dialogue and motivate people to act.

HEIST "... well timed as a one-stop summary of reasons for ordinary Americans to be furious at our financial systems." Dennis Harvey *Variety*

HEIST "...has the virtue of taking the long view of a crisis that recent films have only sketchily explored." *New York Times*

HEIST "If you want to understand why the protestors want to Occupy Wall Street, see this film." *John Katovich, former General Counsel: the Pacific and Boston Stock Exchange*

HEIST is an official selection of the Mill Valley Film Festival, Santa Barbara International Film Festival, Santa Cruz Film Festival and many more

Afternoon ends with discussion led by *Heist* Producer Donald Goldmacher.

Join us! Bring your family and friends!

Free admission. Contributions appreciated but not required. Net proceeds go to South Hayward Parish, a consortium of local churches which involves people of faith working toward a just and nurturing community. Light refreshments furnished and appreciated.

Please pre-register at heistrsvp@gmail.com and include your name and phone number. Pre-registration not required but helpful.

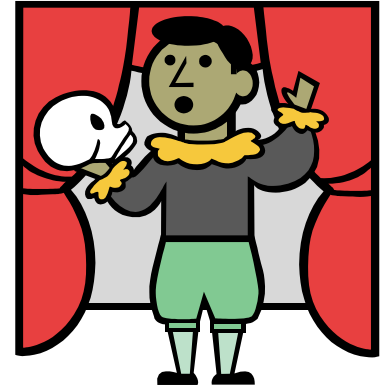
In the beautiful new Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. Free parking at and near the library. Wheelchair accessible.

Sponsored by Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church, 22577 Bayview Avenue, Hayward 94541, a welcoming congregation dedicated to the living tradition of Unitarian Universalism through extending love and acceptance to all people and recognizing the inherent good of all persons.

Ashland 2013

Annual trip up north to see Shakespeare, other plays and to have fun!

We will enjoy a weekend with each other, while watching great plays, eating wonderful food and shopping in fun places.



Details:

DATES: Friday, March 22 through Sunday March 24 (extra night before or after may be arranged for an additional \$70 per person).

PLAYS: Friday evening: Taming of the Shrew
Saturday afternoon: My Fair Lady
Saturday evening: Two Trains
Sunday morning: Talk by an actor

COST: \$265 per person, double occupancy for hotel and plays—arrange transportation and meals on your own; additional nights are \$70 per person. If you are single, we will attempt to find a roommate for you. If you must cancel after March 3, 2013, we will attempt to get the tickets for plays reimbursed, but the hotel room cost is non-reimbursable after that point in time.

DEPOSIT: \$100 per person by January 1, 2013

FINAL PAYMENT DUE MARCH 3, 2013.

PICK UP TICKETS AND ATTEND INFORMATIONAL EVENT
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 at STARR KING UU CHURCH OF HAYWARD.

Give payment to Joyce Kinnear or Donnie Rett.
Mail to 2040 Grove Way, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

RESERVATION:

NAME (S): _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL (REQUIRED): _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

ROOMING WITH: _____

___ 2 nights ___ 3 nights

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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BOOK CLUB The book group will gather Thursday, October 11, 7 PM, at the home of Donnie Rett (510-276-0545) to discuss the book *The Last Report on the Miracle at Little Big Horse* by Louise Erdrich. Please feel free to attend if you just like to talk about books even if you haven't read the selection. All are welcome but please let Donnie know so she knows what to plan for. If you have ideas of books you would like to have read or would like to discuss you can discuss it with any of the book group members.

CHURCH BOOKSTORE The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday (Oct. 21) after the service

DRUM CIRCLE Meets the 1st. Friday (Oct. 5) 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 (Oct. 17) 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, October 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. At Stuart Fink's Home. "Greenfingers" (2000) A "Bloomin' Comedy" Starring Helen Mirren and Clive Owen; Based upon a true story of British prisoners trained in horticulture who compete in a national contest (rated R). Come, Enjoy! Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.

JUSTICE ALLIANCE Meets on the second Sunday (Oct. 14) after the service, at 12:00 PM in the conference room. All are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Meets on the third Sunday of each month (Oct. 21), 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 (Oct. 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 (Oct. 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 To join this active, informative and fun group, contact Sara Raymond at seraymond@gmail.com

SKIFFLE Meets 1st. Wednesday of the month (Oct. 3) 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 (Oct. 11 & 25) at 7:30 P.M.

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9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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Church Leadership

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