



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

## JUNE WORSHIP THEME: SING AND REJOICE

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### BOARD NOTES

- ◆ The Board Approved the **Welcoming Congregation Resolution**
- ◆ The **new printer** for the office was again discussed. Colleen is looking into more possibilities for purchase. The motion to purchase was tabled until the Board has all the information .
- ◆ An application for an **Interweave Group** was approved.
- ◆ Various articles of the **By laws** were discussed in preparation for the Congregational meeting.
- ◆ The **"Use of Facilities"** policy was referred to in reference to a request that a PFLAG group be allowed to meet in the church.

### JUNE SERVICE PREVIEW

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

**June 2** *A Want Which the World Cannot Supply* -Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

What is the test we require for membership in this society? With no creed, no written rule, how do we decide what it means to belong? Today we'll welcome, with joy, our newest members, and find the part of our nature upon which religion is founded.

**June 9** *To Love the Questions* - Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris and Darcy Baxter

MULTIGENERATIONAL

"How do I answer that?" the parents cry out. Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson reminds us, "There are times, at least for now, when we must be content to love the questions themselves." Today we'll thank our teachers, those who give themselves to working with our youngest folk.

**June 16** *Love Letters in a Box* - Kirk Smith, pulpit guest and Roy King, Jr.

Our relationships with our fathers can evolve throughout our lives. Here how a chance discovery of old letters changed the view of a father. Come reflect on your father and bring a picture of him, or other man important in your life, to display.

**June 23** *The Prodigal Daughter; Forgiveness & Return* -Rev. Carolyn Colbert, pulpit guest

The familiar story of the Prodigal Son takes on new meaning when told with an all female cast of characters. Not wealthy. Not landed Gentry. No fatted calves. But it's still a story about forgiveness when a family is caught in a cycle of hurting and hating. What stops that cycle and turns them toward healing?

**June 30** *Your One Wild and Precious Life* -Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris and members

Last year we invited folks from every decade of life to share an answer to the poet's question, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" Let us see if we can find more answers.



# What Shall I Read This Summer?

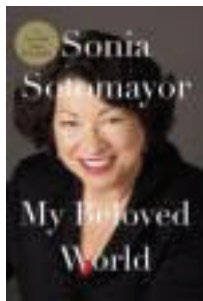
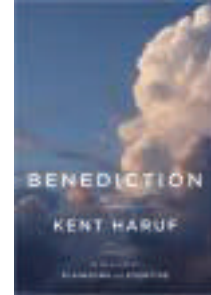
KATIE S BAY VIEW <sup>2</sup>

“It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it.” -Oscar Wilde

Here are some thoughts to get you going into your summer reading. I like to have a list each year—I'd love to know what's on yours. Please share!

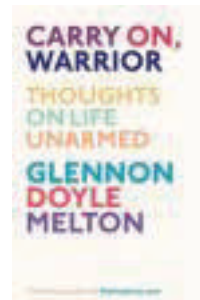
*Benediction*, by Kent Haruf

Set in a farming town in Colorado, this novel's characters are looking for a benediction: a good word of connection, a closure, forgiveness or security.



*My Beloved World*,

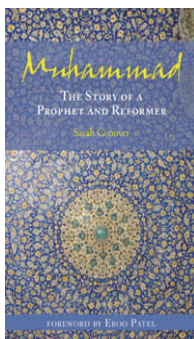
by Sonia Sotomayor The story of how a little girl from the projects in the Bronx grew up to be one of the most influential people in the country.



*Carry On, Warrior: Thoughts on Life Unarmed*

by Glennon Doyle Melton

A “mommy blogger” whose reflections go a little deeper than might be expected.



*Mohammad: The Story of a Prophet and Reformer* by Sarah Conover with a forward by Eboo Patel

**Mark your calendar for July 14<sup>th</sup>, our annual “book communion” worship, followed by a book sale in Fellowship Hall. Let’s talk about books and what we’ve been reading! -Katie**



# President's Message

By Andy Hansen—SKUU President Board

Greetings, you Starrs in the firmament. We have reached June, the advent of Summer, the last month in our Starr King fiscal year. Our 2013 Annual Meeting is behind us, its business having moved our communal life forward in various ways. We've identified ourselves with new causes, or reaffirmed old ones; we've successfully changed our official corporate identity from Starr King Unitarian Fellowship to the name we all use anyway, Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church; we've approved a new group of congregational leaders for the next couple of years; we've passed a budget for the next fiscal year (July 1-June 30) that reminds us financial stewardship and creative economy remain priorities for our congregation. We've accomplished a great deal together.

We've entered the period of our Summer Funshops. Are you signed up to do one? If you haven't ever served our community in this way, you're missing out on a treat. With a seasoned Religious Exploration aide present to provide continuity, these tiny tutorials are a great way to share something you're familiar with that a child could find interesting, be it a craft, a language, a well-illustrated concept, a social perspective, an experience. I've done two myself, and it was not only fun, it also gave me a chance to connect a little more fully with some of the youngsters I'd been seeing in church each week. This was perhaps the most rewarding part.

June 9th is going to be a very special day in our calendar, because we will be ordaining our very own Director of Family Ministry Darcy Baxter as a full-fledged Unitarian Universalist minister. It is lovely that she wanted Starr King to stand by her in this once-in-a-career role, and I encourage each of you to come and be a loving part of Darcy's Ordination. Alas, my mother Lois's memorial service in Lincoln, NE falls on the very same day, so I myself will miss out on this happy and poignant event, but I will be with you all in spirit, and am once again so grateful that Darcy is part of our congregational family.

This is my farewell column as President of the Board of Trustees. Historically, this column has sometimes been written just by the President and sometimes has been penned in rotation by various Board members. I have always really liked this monthly opportunity to speak to you collectively and so I selfishly have kept the task to myself, for better or worse. I deeply appreciate the kind support that I have enjoyed from virtually every quarter during the last four years while I was working as your Vice-President and President. Starr King has a tradition of positive and collegial leadership that not every church can claim, and it has been both privilege and pleasure to work with and for so many talented, incisive and considerate individuals.

From my heart, I thank you.

Warmly,





# INTERNING

## Reflections at the End of the Church Year

By Roy King 4

The literal is eroding our souls. Everyday, the concrete and the recurring march of facts whittles away at our imagination. Whether from the fundamentalist interpretations of world religious scriptures or from the overwhelming complexity of scientific data, we just no longer have much capacity for the metaphoric or for the artistic in our spiritual lives.

A fascinating example our spiritual limitation comes from an article published on the Tikkun Daily and on Alternet by David Harris-Gershon:

(<http://www.alternet.org/speakeasy/tikkundaily/case-against-empathy>)

Harris-Gershon proposes that there is a downside to empathy, in contradiction to our Unitarian Universalist principle of compassion in human relations. He states that empathy arouses us to action and is triggered by pleas either from those close to us: family and friends or from those imaged in the media: Newtown shooting, Boston bombing or Oklahoma tornadoes. We cannot, Harris-Gershon argues, empathize with, say, global warming and climate change, since the earth is an impersonal abstraction without feelings. So when principles are pitted against principles, we can more readily have compassion for the small business owner whose livelihood is jeopardized by carbon reducing government regulations. Harris-Gershon summarizes, "If we are to survive as a society...we are going to somehow have to become smart enough to rely on reason, and not empathy, to make our most important decisions."

I cannot disagree more with Harris-Gershon in his characterization of empathy as personal sappiness. I see among us a capacity for empathic imagination; we can view the earth as personal, abundant with feelings. When I close my eyes, I see a suffering earth, choking with carbon dioxide and pollutants and heat. This image, as unreasonable as it may appear, motivates me to action to correct our wastefulness. Sometimes, I even imagine a world-spirit, an ever-present Divine, likewise suffering from our greed for consumption. I would think that this imagery activates empathy, at least to the same degree that TV images do. To me, the Universalist strand of UU theology, namely, the idea that the "Spirit of Love" pervades the universe, is the most powerful inducer of global empathy, imaginable.

*Shalom* ROY

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**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

<b>1</b>	<b>Robin Fink</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Diane Meyerson</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Amy Kinnear</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>David Baker</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Colleen Dino</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Keith Lewis</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Jens Dill</b>		

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# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

By Darcy Baxter Dir. of Family Ministry

A few months ago, Beth Olgive asked me to write up a short summary of how our religious exploration program for children and families incorporates issues of welcoming diversity and difference in our community. My response was: "well, that's kinda of most of what our RE program does!" Beth was pulling together a report for The Welcoming Congregations Program of the national Unitarian

Universalist Association. It's a volunteer program for congregations that want to take intentional steps to become more welcoming and inclusive of people with marginalized sexual orientations and gender identities.

I know it is often difficult to define what being a Unitarian Universalist means. The gift of working with younger children is that they MAKE you figure it out really quickly. You have to be able to communicate in concrete and specific ways what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. And the most concrete way I can communicate what UUism means is this: difference is good. And truly embracing and welcoming diversity and difference is also hard, hard work. That is why there are so few communities, religious or otherwise, that one can truly call multicultural. Our different stories, the pain and joy we carry with us-- well, that can make it difficult to understand one another.

Our children started out this church year making multiple nametags for themselves, because within each of us is a lot of difference. Sometimes we are happy, sad, angry, confused, or bored. And in our church community, we welcome all these parts of us. Not only do we welcome all the different feelings, but we also welcome all of our different experiences and stories. We welcome all kinds of families in all kinds of configurations and work to make sure we are not unintentionally excluding some people. Most of our lesson plans expose and normalize our differences and try to help our children lessen anxiety about differences. Of course, children are generally way better at this than we adults are-- they are still so flexible and open. Wow, the RE director has a wife? That surprised some of our children but not for very long. Yes we are different, but come on, what really matters is who is going to be "it" in a game of tag; who gets stuck with the 'hot potato' when the song ends; and how much does it tickle when ants crawl over your hand.

It has been a full and rich church year, full of difference, joy, sadness, and fun. My ten month contract with the church comes to a close on June 15<sup>th</sup>. I will miss you all over the summer and look forward to rejoining you when I resume my family ministry work with the church on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Blessings on your summer, Darcy, D.F.M.*

## CHILDREN'S RE HAPPENINGS FOR JUNE

Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

DATE	ACTIVITY
JUNE 2	End of Church Year Celebration
JUNE 9	Multi-Gen: Teacher Appreciation
JUNE 16	FUN SHOP (to be announced)
JUNE 23	FUN SHOP (to be announced)
JUNE 30	FUN SHOP (to be announced)

# SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE! VOLUNTEER AND WIN

A CHANCE TO MEET THE STARR KING CHILDREN

A CHANCE TO PASS ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE

A CHANCE TO HELP STARR KING

Summer is a time when we loosen up in RE, focus on FUN, and emphasize building relationships between the children and adults in our congregation.

**Everyone has a skill, talent or ability they could pass on.**

The RE Council is looking for volunteers to spend a Sunday morning this summer with our children.

If you are interested in signing up for a Sunday between June 16 and September 1, please talk to Lea Casini or send an email to

[lea.casini@comcast.net](mailto:lea.casini@comcast.net)



Congratulations go out to **Eric Bugosh**, **Natasha Bugosh**, and **Karen Swain** for graduating from college!

An extra congratulation to **Karen Swain** is also engaged to be married!!

# DON'T MISS THE SUMMER PICNIC

## JUNE 23 AFTER CHURCH

All are welcome to attend this celebration of our church year and the summer.

A sign up sheet for entrees and salads is on the community table. Drinks, serving items and desserts will be provided.

COME JOIN YOUR STARR KING FAMILY AS WE CELEBRATE

# SUMMER!!



Starr King Was Well Represented  
At the Shelter Shuffle



**Next Circle Supper**

**Saturday, July 10**

**Don't miss this opportunity  
to meet new people in a casual setting**

Sign up at the Community Table  
at the back of the Fellowship Hall

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**ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO  
VOLUNTEER!**



MEET NEW PEOPLE

PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN YOUR CHURCH.

JUST HAVE FUN HELPING OUT.

**The Coffee Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the  
coffee service after church.**

**To take advantage of this fantastic opportunity see  
Lavon Hodges or Roy Dickerson**



# ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- CHURCH BOOKSTORE** The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday after the service
- DRUM CIRCLE** Meets the 1st. Friday 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 ELDERBERRIES** Meets every 3rd Wednesday 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 29, at 7:00 P.M. At Stuart Fink's Home. "The Man From Earth" (2007) Sci Fi-Drama; The final script of Jerome Bixby who wrote For Star Trek And The Twilight Zone; A Going Away Party For A Retired Who Reveals Himself To Be 14,000 Years Old (Or Is He?) (Not Rated).  
Come, Enjoy! Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share
- JUSTICE ALLIANCE** . Meets on the second Sunday after the service, at 12:00 PM in the conference room. All are welcome.
- HOSPITALITY & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Meets on the third Sunday of each month 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 All are welcome to join us to explore community and spirituality discussion and shared silence.
- SKIFFLE** Meets 1st. Wednesday of the month 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 the 2nd. Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

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# HOW TO REACH US

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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## Church Leadership

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