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THE FLAMING CHALICE

JULY WORSHIP THEME: GATHERED HERE

JULY SERVICE PREVIEWS

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

July 7 The God We Don't Believe In -
Rev. Darcy Baxter

Theologian Dr. Rebecca Parker once said "Tell me about the God you don't believe in. I probably don't believe in him either." Join me in exploring the messiness of the G-word and how to respond to your father-in-law's best friend when he asks you at a wedding reception dinner "Do you believe and have faith or are you one of those Unitarians who just doesn't know?" Today's special plate will go to Starr King School for the Ministry

July 14 BYOB

-Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris and Chris Selig
Join us for the joy of reading and the summer book communion. Bring your own book, one you are willing to give away to another person as you leave it on the altar for their enjoyment. After worship, we'll gather for coffee, conversation, and a book fair, with opportunity to purchase new or used books.

July 21 Trans In The House!

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James Green, pulpit guest
Do you know any transgender people? Would you know if you did? If you thought someone was transgender, how would you approach them? We'll explore understanding who transgender people are and how to make SKUUC a welcoming space.

July 28 Creative Questions and Answers

-Worship Committee
The worship committee will offer summer worship intended to lift you up and make you think. Come, be part of the gathered community of faith.

BOARD NOTES

- ◆ A vote to purchase, at approximately \$2000, a refurbished copier for the office ended in a tie with three abstentions. The issue was tabled until next meeting.
- ◆ *There was unanimous agreement to allow PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) to use our facility for meetings, without charge.*
- ◆ The Treasurer stated that monthly collections have averaged about \$1000 below the pledged amount for the year, leaving a significant shortfall.
- ◆ Colleen Dino noted our lack of an expenditure policy as to who can approve and execute expenditures for various sorts of goods and services. A committee was formed to develop such a policy.
- ◆ A proposal to reimburse our intern, Roy King, for his expenses was approved.

REMINDER: Summer Church Office Hours

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



Summer as Sabbatical

KATIE S BAY VIEW²

I just finished reading the wonderful article in the UUWORLD about the historic ordination of Olympia Brown to the Universalist ministry in 1863. Not only is this anniversary an opportunity to learn of the obstacles she overcame to become the first woman ordained by a recognized body, but it is a reminder to us now, after ordaining our director of family ministry, Darcy Baxter, how we stand in an historic line, holding tradition while making needed metamorphosis in the way we understand religion and justice. We've done much shared ministry in this year alone.

It has been only just over a year since I returned to the church from my four month sabbatical, but in the full immersion of the last six months, I am beginning to feel how quickly that learning and pace has been left behind with daily congregational demands. My realization is that for all of us, summer can be a time to pull back from regular church meetings and classes and focus on rest, enrichment, and some form of Sabbath. It is a chance to reflect on the meanings and understanding of the past year, to consider what we might want to do the next year, and take time to delve more deeply into some sort of practice for the summer.

I am aware that as a parish minister I am fortunate to have four full weeks of vacation that allow for me to catch up with household organization, summer reading, and family visiting, but even for those who don't get a vacation (my husband is one of them), there is a way that our summer schedule can allow for a different kind of enrichment.

I invite you to read a book of a different genre than your typical choice, or to read the UUWORLD magazine all the way through, or pick up that instrument you delight in that you haven't had time for playing. I look forward to hearing of your family trips, your special vacations, your most recently adopted spiritual practices.

I invite you to consider this summer as a sort of sabbatical, with opportunities for reflection, renewal, re-invigoration. May your attendance at church take the attitude of enjoyment, fellowship and discovery. May your time away also be so described.

*With love,
Katie*

P.S. Roy King, Jr. and Rev. Darcy Baxter will both return in mid-August. I'll be on vacation from July 15-August 13th. Emergency ministerial coverage will be provided. Please contact Karen Cook if you have a pastoral emergency.



President's Message

By Colleen Dino—SKUU President Board

July brings a change in our leadership on the Board. I will be your incoming President of the Board of Trustees, and will have the following members serving along with me.

Vice President: Diana Dickerson

Treasurer: Frank Satterwhite

Secretary: Nancy Harrison

Frank Burton, Mary Swain, Lea Casini, Stuart Fink, Betsy Dye and Wendy Robertson

Rev. Katie attends each meeting, and we also welcome Roy King Jr., and Darcy Baxter to join us when their schedules permit.

We are now coming to the end of our fiscal year 2012-13. This is the time of year when we review our final budget and match our pledges to determine if we will end the year with a deficit or not. Our Pledge Secretary, Marilyn Mosher has noted that we have approximately \$5,000.00 in unfulfilled pledges to date. We have also borrowed an estimated \$10,000.00 from savings to cover our payroll over the last couple of months. There are a few factors that contribute to this loss; one of which is the Service Auction profits from Feb. 2012 were split to supplement two budgets, 2012 and 2013 (Normally it goes to just one year), our Membership Roster is slightly lower, and pledges are down. This news affirms our need for growth as we review our goals and obligations over the next year.

Our July board meeting will meet one week earlier on Thursday, June 27th, due to the 4th of July holiday. We will focus on finishing up past business so that we can set our ambitions for the next year. This includes evaluating the best option for a new office copier, evaluating the work that needs to be done on our grounds, and some small repairs to our building.

I will be sharing this space in the Chalice with our board members throughout the year. I hope that this will give you an opportunity to view the work done by us ALL.

*Warm Regards,
Colleen Dino*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The worship committee would like your support for a change to our Sunday morning Service. As you know, we chose to move the announcements to the end of the service, to allow for a more spiritual setting as we entered into Sunday Worship. There has been little support for this change, and we would like to try forgoing verbal announcements on Sunday. We already do an excellent job of communicating through a monthly newsletter, our weekly announcement emails, the web site, the Sunday morning bulletin, and the tables and bulletin boards in the fellowship hall. We ask for your forbearance as we make this transition.

Our best to **Bob Rhett**, **Jody Dill**, **John Gruver** and all of whom are recovering from surgery.

Sending good thoughts to **Jim Forsyth** for a speedy recovery

Warm thoughts to **Nora Bronstein** and her family as she continues to recover from adenoid removal.



Best wishes to **Kathryn LaMar** as she recuperates at home after having both knees replaced.

The **Quijanos** are celebrating Victoria's graduation from Middle School.

Both **Kelsi Kramer Stone** and **Meredith Schuler** have graduated from High School.

Good job to **Ellery Medilla**, Rebecca Parr's son, for graduating from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|  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 | | |

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO

IMPART YOUR KNOWLEDGE

TO OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS?

WANT TO BE THE BIG WINNER?

WIN A CHANCE TO MEET THE STARR KING CHILDREN

WIN A CHANCE TO PASS ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE

WIN 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

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

| DATE | ACTIVITY |
|---------|--|
| JULY 7 | Watercolors and Crayon Art with Jennifer Koney |
| JULY 14 | Welcoming Magical Beings: Build Your own Sprite and Fairy Garden" <i>With Suzanne Quijano</i> |
| JULY 21 | Aztec Dance with Xiomara |
| JULY 28 | Make Story Cubes with Sara Raymond |

Interweave Group Forming

Interweave meeting Tuesday, July 9, 7 PM

Interweave (www.interweaveuu.org) is a national UU organization of BGLTQ people and allies. We are launching an Interweave chapter as the next step in our Welcoming Congregation program. At the meeting we will decide on a mission and meeting schedule, and discuss sponsoring a PFLAG chapter (www.pflag.org) here in the church. PFLAG (parents, family, and friends of lesbians and gays) is a national non profit and the original gay ally group. Sponsoring a PFLAG chapter would be a community outreach and service project that supports many of our congregational goals. Please come to the meeting to be held in the Fellowship Hall. BGLTQ folk and allies are all welcome. -Beth Ogilvie, beth@betho.us.

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

CIRCLE
SUPPER

**THESE IS STILL TIME !
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

Due to schedule conflicts there will be no film night for July. You are urged to see a good movie instead."

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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Church Leadership

Board of Trustees

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Office Manager Kelli Abatangelo

Minister Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Intern Minister Dr. Roy King, Jr.

Dir. of Family Ministry Darcy Baxter

Positions

Adult Religious Education – Jennifer Koney

Anti-Racist Multicultural Alliance - Regina

Fassano

Buildings – Bobby Robinson

Chalice Editor – Georgia Gruver

Church Website – Beth Ogilvie

Committee Council – Colleen Dino

Committee on Ministry-Bob Britton, Doris Haskell, Dirk Dino, Diana Dickerson, Keith Lewis, Beth Ogilvie, Henry Wagner

Communications Comm. – Melody Appleton

FESCO reps.– Donnie Rett, Jennifer Koney

Finance Committee— Keith Lewis

Fundraising Committee— Karen Cook

Green Sanctuary Committee— Colleen Saia

Grounds Care— Walt Korus

Hospitality/Membership – Dirk Dino

Interior – Sherry Thomas

Justice Alliance Frank Burton

Nominating Committee – Rebecca Parr

Pastoral Care Committee— Karen Cook

R.E. Council – Diana Dickerson

Social – Joyce Kinnear

Social Justice Committee— Mary Swain

South Hayward Parish Bd. Rep.— Terry Owen

Sunday Coffee – Roy Dickerson

Usher Coordinator Lavon Hodges

Worship Committee – Chris Selig

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

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