



THE FLAMING CHALICE

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP THEME:

Return Again

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ANNUAL CHURCH B'B'Q

SKUU's Annual Church Barbeque will be held after church on Sept. 8. Please plan to attend and bring something to share and a salad

BOARD NOTES

For a complete report of the Board of Trustees' August meeting "Team Building and Goal Setting for 2013-2014," please see the President's Message on page 3

SEPTEMBER SERVICE PREVIEWS

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

SEPT. 1 Bread and Roses -Bob Britton, pulpit guest

Join us Sunday September 1st at our 11th annual Labor Day Sunday Service for a celebration of the poetry and music of the Labor Movement for ... ***Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes; hearts starve as well as bodies; give us bread, but give us roses!*** . Come share the rhythms of poetry and song while we reflect on Labor's struggle for time to enjoy the beauty of life.

SEPT. 8 Let It Wash Away -Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris, Rev. Darcy Baxter, Roy King, Jr.

MULTIGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

Bring a bit of water from your journeys this summer, be they far or near. We'll feel the healing power of water, the gifts of returning together as a gathered community of faith, hope and Love. We'll consider how resiliency can bless us as we walk through the world.

SEPT. 15 When That Love Comes –

Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

As we remember the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we'll delve into the virtues of renewal and forgiveness. These are practices that benefit others, and help us live a life filled with peace and love.

SEPT. 22 Let Love Through Your Door

-Roy King, Jr. intern minister:

As Unitarian Universalists we aspire to live a life devoted to loving all beings. What are the cultural impediments to universal love in our time and how can we overcome them?

SEPT. 29 Behind the Kitchen Door

-Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

"Sustainability is about contributing to a society that everybody benefits from," says Saru Jayaraman in the book **"Behind the Kitchen Door**. This book has been chosen by the UUA as the "Common Read" for this year ahead. What might we discover for our own sustenance as we join in and read together?



Reframing

KATIE S BAY VIEW 2

How can I take a negative and turn it into a positive? Where might I find a new way of looking at an issue, maybe seeing something as if for the first time? When I come back to worship in September, how can I go deeper and find meaning in ideas and practices I knew before? These are questions I hope you will ask.

I spent last year in a photo-a-day practice with clergy colleagues that taught me much about the notion of reframing. The same word has different meanings dependent on our view. We know this, but often push against taking a new look. The same picture can be seen as two faces or parallel vases given our state of mind. A minor illness can be an opportunity for rest and recuperation if we let go of earlier expectations.

I have also found reframing to be a healthy way of looking at religious language. Where I once thought of certain words as toxic for my use, a step back, a new consideration, now lets me find meaning, growth, and comfort in things I “gave over” to others to define for me. In Unitarian Universalism this is a healthy approach to religion, as we are asked to be the arbiters of our beliefs, we are encouraged to find meaning in our traditions, and called to continue to grow and learn.

I invite you, in this church year ahead, to do some reframing with me. Let’s reframe and go deeper in worship, as the liturgical year unfolds and moves from the fall’s Rosh Hashanah to a real Thanksgiving into Christmastime. Let us move into the year 2014 with newness, inspiration, re-birth and build a new way to grow this congregation so that we can be all that we want to become.

Thank-you for being willing to walk with me on this path, to take this journey of faith, to be part of this search for truth and meaning.

With love, Katie



Sending healing thoughts to **ERIC GABLE** as he mends from shoulder surgery. And to

BRIAN JOHNSON'S MOTHER as her leg injury heals.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Douglas Sprague** as he enters a new decade.

PLANNING FOR 2013-2014

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Your 2013-2014 Board of Trustees



From Left: Mary Swain, Stuart Fink, Lea Casini, Colleen Dino (President)
Diana Dickerson (Vice President), Nancy Harrison (Secretary), Frank Satterwhite (Treasurer),
Betsy Dye, Frank Burton. (Not Pictured Wendy Robertson)

Our July Board agenda was packed full with old and new business. I wish to send out a special thanks to Walt Korus for sitting through our entire meeting. We are all very thankful to him for preparing a list of updates on our grounds and building. Walt continues to be the main caretaker of our grounds with a small group of dedicated members assisting him. Thank you to everyone who removed bags of green waste from the grounds. Walt also mentioned that we need to do some small repairs to the gutters before the rainy season starts, and power wash the back eaves above the patio. Walt will work with Frank Satterwhite on these repairs.

We completed our business on the request by our office staff for a new copier. After reviewing our 2012-13 end of year budget, the projected budget for the upcoming year 2013-14, and the current savings accounts, the Board voted in favor of purchasing the refurbished Sharp copier. We have also purchased the service agreement, which will include repairs, maintenance, and training for our staff.

In our Bylaws, it states that of the 6 members at large, 3 of these positions shall be liaisons with the Hospitality/Membership, Finance, and Religious Education Committees. The following Board Members have committed to serve as liaison.

R.E. Council – Lea Casini

Hospitality/Membership – Wendy Robertson

Finance Committee – Diana Dickerson

Following our Annual Meeting, there was a petition to have a mail ballot to modify Articles XII and XIII of the Bylaws. We now have enough signatures, and will be making arrangements to create a mail ballot. I will ask the sub-committee who originally put together the proposed Bylaw changes to set up an informational meeting for the congregation prior to the mail ballot to review the changes and the sample ballot.

Our August meeting, we'll set a different kind of agenda, focusing on team building. We'll review our responsibilities as board members, and talk about what goals will be most important for us this coming year.

Warm Regards,
Colleen Dino



INTERNING *By Roy King*

Returning and Interning Again

As we enter the return of congregational year, I am reflecting on the marvelous gifts that SKUUC has given me over the past year—the opportunities to lead worship, the amazing fellowship of the Starr King community, and the co-creation of justice seeking and spiritually deepening group experiences. As rewarding as church life has been, over the summer, I had the chance to balance my spirit with introspection to recharge for my return. An example of this process of restoring was my emotional and spiritual reaction to the events around the Zimmerman verdict in Florida, this past July. When the verdict came down, I along with pretty much everyone I knew were horrified. My daughter called wanting to drive up to Oakland that Saturday night to join the protests; I demurred and instead, offered to take her on a hike that Sunday morning.

Early Sunday morning we drove to Sam McDonald Park, near La Honda. The park contains marvelous old growth redwoods and we planted ourselves in a little grove carpeted in sorrel and trillium. I actually did a short service with my daughter, Erika, and the overarching redwoods as my congregants. What felt good about the service and being in the park was that Sam McDonald himself was a long time superintendant of Stanford's grounds and willed his land to be a park. Sam was African-American and came to California from Louisiana to work for the university around 1900. What an antidote to the Zimmerman trial! The quiet contemplation in the forest seemed just as profound an action as protesting in Oakland would have been the night before. Action and contemplation are mutually restorative and follow each other like the circulation of an eddy. That became my summer's lesson.

Peace, Roy

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 MARY LASACK	11 MARILYN MOSHER
3 ANDREW LASACK-CHAPPEL	14 KIRK SMITH
3 OLIVIA KIESLING	15 TERRI OWEN
6 DANIEL HITCHINGS	20 CAREY SANCHEZ PARA
9 RYTHE HULTMAN-DESMIDT	28 ALLISON FINK
9 LINDA MIYOSHI	29 PARKER BUGOSH
10 JODY DISTLER-DILL	29 DONNIE RETT



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

By Darcy Baxter Dir. of Family Ministry

And our church year begins again. And our school year begins again. My English teachers would wince at beginning this reflection with the conjunction ‘and.’ While some of us have our schedules change in the Summer, some of us do not. Our lives, all the activities that fill them, often continue on AND on. September marks a new beginning but a new beginning that surges up in midst of our on-going living. Regardless of our schedules, the tempo of our culture shifts and we find another opportunity to return and begin again. It calls to mind our hymn: “My life flows on in endless song: above earth’s lamentation, I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails new creation.”

What type of creations, what types of creating should we devote ourselves to this year? As we begin our church year, many of our Jewish brothers, sisters, and siblings will be reflecting on how they missed the mark this past year for the high holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In midst of our every-flowing lives, are there ways we can “correct course” so we are more compassionate and more fully live out our deep wisdoms? For those of us involved in raising children, we are routinely faced with shortcomings (ours and others’!), constantly faced with ‘marks’ missed. Reconciling ourselves to our past and letting go is essential to create a new beginning. I am so glad to be beginning again with you all in this beloved community!

*Blessings,
Rev. Darcy*

CHILDREN'S RE HAPPENINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

DATE	ACTIVITY
SEPT. 1	Solar Ovens with Roy Dickerson
SEPT. 8	Multi-generational Water Service
SEPT. 15	To Be Announced
SEPT. 22	To Be Announced
SEPT. 29	To Be Announced



THEATRE OF THE ABSURD



Here we are in the dog days of Summer. Fall is getting closer, and it is time to start thinking about back to school, and our Fall mystery dinner presentation. The last one was a heavy "end of the world" drama, so I wanted to do something much lighter, and fun for all ages. So I decided to combine a Halloween party with a Mystery dinner. The result will be: "The Underground Undead Church" which will be presented at Starr King UU Church at **4:00 PM on Saturday, October 19.**



The characters will include a fun group of monsters, including a mummy, a vampire, a zombie, as well as ghouls and ghosts. These are funny, and not too scary monsters.



I have been asked if the youngest kids will enjoy this. All I can say is I hope so. I have never written something exactly like this before. I hope that there will be parts that are exciting and engaging for the adults, and other parts that will be enchanting and fun for the kids.



There will be food, of course as well as music, a kids story, and trick or treating for candy. Plus a (hopefully) funny play that leads into a mystery with clues. It is up to the individual family to decide what is right for their kids. If they have been to movies and been OK, or maybe ice shows and been OK, or if they do well at our multigenerational services, then I think they will do well with this. There will be adults and youth in the cast, and hopefully Rev. Katie and Rev. Darcy will be in it too.



Tickets will be on sale soon. This will include the play and dinner. Everyone will be encouraged to come in costume and to bring candy to share.



The prices are: \$30 for general admission, and our special family price: \$20 per parent, and all kids get in free!



I hope to see everyone there, for a **SPOOKTACULAR** event!



LIONS CLUBS EYEGLOSS DONATION BOX Give Your Used Eye Glasses To A Good Cause

Wondering what to do with prescription eyeglasses or reading glasses that can no longer be used? Stuart Fink has placed a box in the fellowship hall for collecting and recycling your no longer needed pairs of eyeglasses. Since we started this procedure our church has donated over 140 pairs of eyeglasses to the Castro Valley Lions Breakfast club of which Stuart is a member.

Volunteers at an eyeglass recycling center in Vallejo clean and sort the eyeglasses by prescription. Since recycling used eyeglasses is illegal in the U.S. the Lions sponsors medical missions to developing countries where people in need have their vision checked and are matched, free of charge, with your donated eyeglasses. Missions have gone to Mexico, the Philippines and India among other countries

PCD-UUA Leadership Development Day

Featuring Wayne Clark, Ph.D., Director,
UUA Congregational Stewardship Services

Money, Stewardship, and Faith

PCD-UUA Leadership Day is an opportunity for congregational leaders from across the district together, share information, develop relationships, and deepen our connection to each other and to our movement. It is a time to refresh our spirits and to realize what an amazing resource we have in each other!

Joshua Searle-White, our new District Executive, will be there to welcome everyone and to introduce himself to the district.

Following that introduction, we will all be with Wayne Clark as he shares a coming-of-age story designed to move congregations beyond the restrictive myth of scarcity that pervades so many of our Unitarian Universalist faith communities. Drawing upon his book, *Beyond Fundraising: A Complete Guide to Congregational Stewardship*, Wayne will help participants focus on the reality of abundance. Hard copies of the PowerPoint slides will be distributed.

For more information go to the PCD-UUA website. <http://www.pcd-uua.org/>

Book Group Stirrings

The book group took the summer off to rest our eyes and our gray matter but with fall fast approaching perhaps it's time to revisit the topic of books. In the past the group met once a month at someone's home and we discussed the book we had chosen for that date. The host or hostess would then present three books for us to choose from for the following month or perhaps two months hence. If there is sufficient interest we could revive the book group in its former manner or choose something new.

If you are interested contact Evelyn Cormier, ev.cormier@comcast.net or look for a sign up on the table in the fellowship hall and we'll take it from there.

Gardening Assistance Requested

There's a new sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have an hour (or several) to assist with weeding/gardening/keeping the children's play structures in good working order, please add your name to it or check in with Walt Korus. Thank you!

STARR KING WELCOMING CONGREGATION

RESOLUTION RENEWAL APPROVED!

Dear Andy, Beth, Colleen, and the rest of the Starr King UU Church family,

Congratulations!

The Starr King UU Church's application to officially renew your recognition as a Welcoming Congregation has been approved! I'm thrilled to be able to congratulate you on taking this powerful step, renewing your commitment to this vital ministry, and taking intentional steps to collectively explore your growing edges and deepen your welcome and inclusion of all.

It was a pleasure to be able to read about what you have accomplished and the powerful steps you've taken. It's so great that you publicly documented of your refresher program and your BGLTQ blog on your website, and I hope you keep those pages active and updated—I would love to link to them from the UUA website to provide inspiration to other congregations doing refresher programming, if that's okay. In fact, I know other congregations would love to see your Welcoming Congregation Resolution, if you were open to posting it on that page.

The topics you chose to explore in your programming sounded perfect and wonderfully varied. I was particularly impressed that you see being a Welcoming Congregation as part of your multicultural and anti-racism ministry. How wonderful that you participated in the UUA's common read of *The New Jim Crow*! If you are interested in a powerful follow-up, I really recommend the book *Queer (In)Justice* (<http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1527>). It is a phenomenal look at the criminalization of LGBTQ people in the United States, and how race, class, and immigration status play in.

As you consider next steps and ongoing actions for your congregation and your new Interweave chapter, keep the conversation going about what it means to Starr King UU Church to be "welcoming" and what assumptions you might be collectively carrying and unconsciously communicating about who belongs and who "we" are. You might find our Nurturing Inclusivity page helpful to that end (www.uua.org/growth/inclusivity).

I also hope you'll continue to see Multicultural Ministries as a resource for you—please be in touch any time if you have any questions or if I and my colleagues can be of service or support, and I hope you'll visit our website often; we are always adding new resources. You can expect to receive two new Welcoming Congregation posters in the mail shortly, as well as an official letter of renewal. Thanks again for your congregation's life-giving, essential work!

Warm regards,
Alex

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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, September 21, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. At Stuart Fink's Home. "Flypaper" (2011) Crime - Comedy; Starring Patrick Dempsey And Ashley Judd; Two sets of bank robbers (one very inept) attempt to rob the same bank at the same time (Mixture of slapstick and whodunit elements); (Rated R - Language, Violence). 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 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 Bob Meyerson a call 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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Worship Committee –

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