



THE FLAMING CHALICE

MARCH WORSHIP THEME:
Spirit of Life/Fuente de Amor

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TO PONDER

Does my support
of Starr King
really reflect how
important it is in
my life?

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MARCH SERVICE PREVIEWES Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

March 2 ~ Spirit of Life: Spirit of Church
~Roy King, Jr.

Church has often been compared to a family. Yet, family life can at times be a difficult process of negotiating individual identity and interpersonal boundaries. How can we, Unitarian Universalists, create a church that adopts the best of family life?

March 9 ~ The Legacy of Shared Ministry
~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Shared ministry is the task of the congregation as a whole. What are the services we give that make this a powerful shared ministry and leave us all more whole?

March 16~For All That is Our Life: Celebrate!
~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

In this time of the blurring of "church" that goes beyond the congregation, what is the importance of this congregation's existence? Is this the place to gather "all that is our life?"

March 23 ~We Dwell Between
~Revs. Katie Kandarian-Morris
& Darcy Baxter

MULTIGENERATIONAL SERVICE

We tend to consider things in black or white, up or down, in or out. But really, life itself is the place in between. Let us consider that space.

March 30 A Ministry of Justice~
Evan Junker, pulpit guest

The Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of CA (formerly the UU legislative ministry) advances justice in our state by cultivating and connecting leaders and communities, and by empowering the public voice of those who share UU values and principles. Come, discover your part.



Starr King is on the Side of Love!

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KATIE'S BAY VIEW

I'm sure that by the time you're reading this we'll be long past the Thirty Days of Love that has been promoted throughout email and social media, and acted out in sanctuaries and on streets across the country. But in this moment, I am overcome with the continued message of this campaign, and how it's been actively lived out among us in recent days. This is what has been on my mind and heart: our reciprocal visits with Congregation Shir Ami brought opportunities for deepening understanding and connection with our neighbors. It re-awakened acquaintances and made friendships more connected. It taught me more about the lived qualities of Reform Judaism, and reminded me about what is important about Unitarian Universalism. It made me feel pride that our folks came out in such great numbers on a dark and rainy Friday night, and that we welcomed our visitors on Sunday with such a lovely, visible and delicious hospitality.

During this same weekend, when we were stretching ourselves to articulate our faith and learn about our liberal religious neighbors, I was also paying attention to the Moral March on Raleigh, North Carolina, an event where thousands of citizens gathered to cry out for change. Hundreds and hundreds of Unitarian Universalists joined in with people from the United Church of Christ, and others as they took to the streets to protest the many sad pieces of legislation being passed in the conservatively held state government. Changes include cuts in Medicaid and unemployment benefits, cuts for pre-K kids, slashing taxes on the upper 5 percent, passing anti-choice laws, and voter suppression.

Rev. Peter Morales tells us, "We must, as communities dedicated to justice, peace and love, reach out to others to share the transformational stories of what our unique faiths have to offer."

As I read the latest news from Standing on the Side of Love, the website named today's action. It said that our work today was to learn about the social justice work of another faith, and to "journal about what about that work inspires you." I'd like to ask you to do that work as well. When you journal about the social justice work we do here in our progressive corner of the world, maybe you might ask where can we work together to create change on the "arc of justice" and do it while building new relationships. Might we then find transformation in ourselves?

With Love, Katie



Please send healing thoughts to **Kathryn Lamar** as she recuperates from surgery.

Send peace to **Dick Albert** who is coping with the loss of his sister Dawn.

Regina Fassano's father died and she needs some love and support from us.

Walt and Lavon are coping with the loss of their cat, Annabelle, after many years as their companion.

Sending hope for a rapid recovery to **John Gruver** as he deals with diabetic foot wounds.

YOUR BOARD AT WORK

By Colleen Dino—SKUU President Board



Your 2013-2014 Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees did not meet for our February meeting; instead we participated in a number of Starr King events over the weekend.

Friday evening was a well-attended event at the invitation to join the welcoming Shabbat service at Shir Ami in Castro Valley. A spiritual service filled with music, readings, and time set aside at the end to meet our neighbors.

Our leadership retreat on Saturday was a full day of getting to know each other and thinking about our commitments to Starr King. At the end of the day we agreed to commit to the following goals:

EXPAND RE

- A. Increase the number of volunteers assisting with RE.
- B. Develop Small Group Ministries
- C. Organize and Coordinate Adult RE classes

OUTREACH

It was agreed that this goal includes increasing the visibility of the church in the community and increasing community knowledge of UU principles and practices.

Each goal is set up with a small team to report back the group in the next months. I am thankful for those who gave up part of their weekend to do this important work.

On Sunday, we invited Shir Ami members to join us for our Sunday Service. The sanctuary was full, with over 100 in attendance that day. Betsy Dye posted pictures from the weekend on our Starr King Facebook which brought us over 600 likes, which is a huge increase in the viewership of our site from the regular Sunday postings.

The Board will be back to regular business for our March meeting. We begin planning for our Canvass kickoff at the beginning of March. I feel lots of great energy in what we are doing right now. I hope you are feeling it too.



In Gratitude - Colleen Dino



Interning in March

Spring is near! It is a commonplace poetic and religious metaphor that spring is a time of change and renewal. For us, the Starr King UU Church community, this spring augurs a host of looming changes, some of which may almost seem overwhelming. We are and will be going through a medley of feelings, from mourning to anxious expectation, from denial to fear to eagerness. For me, as your intern minister, I will walk with you through this spring of uncertainty.

But our experience of spring is not only collective, but also individual. Over the two years of my internship, I've had the joy of seeing much individual spiritual growth among us, a budding of nascent transcendental experience both in worship and in nature. Starr King church is much like a forest, with many kinds of flora, trees, and animals all tightly interconnected and mutually sustaining. From our incredible family ministry and RE program to our very emotionally stirring worship, we have created an unbelievably strong congregation. One word occurs to me characterizes our many ministries and our liturgy—seamless. We are like a crazy quilt of differing theologies, social classes, even ethnicities that seamlessly is tied together at those critical moments of collective experience: Sunday services, social justice work, and religious exploration.

Kudos to all!

*Shalom,
Roy*

HELP WANTED!

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer for Starr King Church?

CHECK OUT THESE POSSIBILITIES

1. Help needed for Seder Potluck email Joyce Kinnear for more information joycekinnear@hotmail.com
 2. After church Coffee service email Roy Dickerson dAESWORKGd@comcast.net
 3. Join the Hospitality and Membership Committee email Dirk Dino dirk@mrbeelzy.com
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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

By Rev. Darcy Baxter, Dir. of Family Ministry

MARCH RE THEME: Spirit of Life

As my neighbor and avid gardener reminded me recently, March is the time in the Bay Area for planting our gardens. But you know what? With religious education and family ministry, we are ALWAYS planting and tending! We have just finished a big project with raising up the new playground. Where else and to what else do we need to tend in order to sprout and grow? In the Winter issue of the UU World, Rev. Tom Schade reminds us that religious communities exist not only to gather a community of like-minded folks together for mutual support. For Schade, we exist "to develop people who would care about an issue and feel the strength to act...to cultivate people who can feel passion."

A congregant recently told me she has started to regularly swing at sunset on our new playground. I responded with a hearty laugh and said "well, I could do some real theological reflection on that!" She looked at me and said "So, theologically reflect." My theological reflection was not anything I have not said before, particularly regarding the playground. I said that it had to do with the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus says "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

The ironic thing about "growing" people is that it's actually not about planting at all. We do not put anything inside anyone. Religious Liberals have long believed that spiritual development is actually about peeling back the layers of socialization to get to a more basic, child-like quality of wonder, passion, and awe. Our job is not to plant, but to be fertile and safe soil so that whoever chooses us as their religious home finds a place safe enough to grow into their most authentic, passionate selves.

Blessings, Rev. Darcy

March Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | MARIAN BABBIDGE | 17 | RUTH KUFTIN |
| 4 | COLLIN CARRELL | 17 | SHEA ROBINSON |
| 8 | BILL HITCHINGS | 19 | GREG KUFTIN |
| 10 | AUDREY LEPELL | 22 | KAREN COOK |
| 11 | RAY ODVCAYEN | 22 | KELSIE KRAMER STONE |
| 12 | REBECCA PARR | 26 | SHERRY THOMAS |
| 12 | DARRYL RAY | 26 | MAYA PARA |
| 13 | MARGARITA JACOB | 28 | BRYNE GOLEC |
| 14 | SARA WAGNER | 28 | SUSAN CLARK |
| 16 | RENEE RAY | 28 | BRIAN JOHNSON |

Together We Can



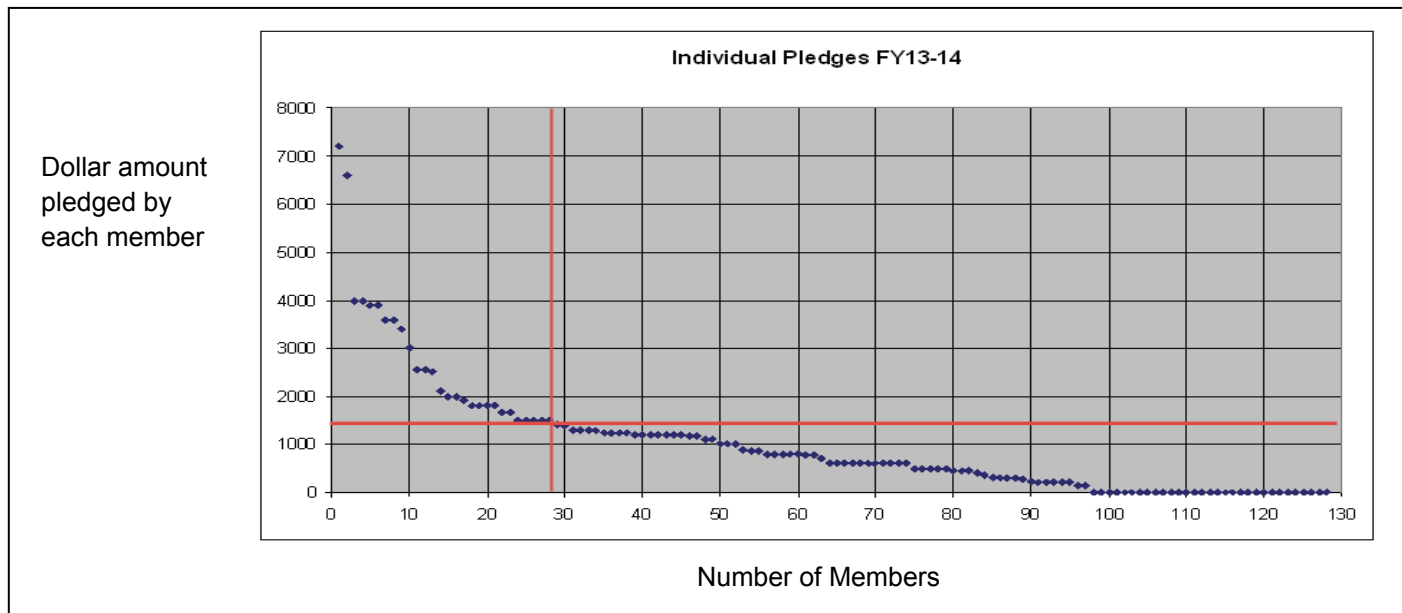
Build the Common Good

This is the time for all of us to show how committed we are to the **common good** that we build and share in this church community. This coming year we have asked the Budget Committee to give us a 'Wish Budget' to fund. The Wish Budget funds some of the things we want to see in our community. Some of the things we asked for are:

- To pay fairly for the position of Director of Family Ministry
 - To hire a part-time choir director
 - To obtain some updated Audio/Visual equipment
 - To continue to improve the play area and our grounds
- And more . . .

We invite everyone to join us after service on March 9th for lunch and a chance for you to ask questions about the budget, pledging, and so on. We promise to do our best to provide good answers and a good lunch. We will be looking for you.

Last Canvass Giving



Dates to Remember:

- March 9th – Canvass Luncheon
- March 16th – Stewardship Sunday
- March 23rd – Vanco Presentation
(More convenient giving)

News from the Hospitality & Membership Committee

We want to thank everyone for a wonderful time hosting our friends from Congregation Shir Ami. It goes without saying that our committee, by ourselves, could not create an inviting, welcoming and hospitable environment; but what a joy it is to work to strengthen and deepen our hospitality with the enthusiastic participation of so many. It was fun!

If you had the chance to talk with any of us wearing the funny hats during coffee hour, then you know the Hospitality & Membership (H&M) Committee has four initiatives that we are working on.

Gift Bags - We have currently begun to provide Gift Bags to visitors in exchange for their completion of a Visitor Information Card. One gift bag is provided for each card and includes an SKUU Coffee Mug, an individual portion of dry soup mix with instructions, and a variety of UU brochures for their consideration.

Coffee Mug Campaign - We have been using a supply of mugs donated by the previous Chairperson. Now we need more and, it turns out, so does the kitchen. So, we are asking members for contributions of \$10, with which we will buy 2 mugs (with our new logo) – 1 for the H&M Committee; and 1 that the member can choose to donate to the kitchen or take home. Our goal is to get 72 pairs of mugs and the sign-up sheet is on the community table.

Ready-to-Go Postcards - We are developing postcards that will be 'ready-to-go', so anyone in the congregation that meets & connects with a visitor can immediately write them a personal note or reminder. We are working out exactly how the postcards get addressed and posted.

New H&M Members – We are always looking for new committee members to share their ideas and energy. If you are interested in joining us, don't hesitate to talk with any one of us or contact Dirk Dino.

Thank you again for being so warm and welcoming to all of our guests, all of the time. It makes our work a pleasure.

MARCH **UPCOMING EVENTS** **APRIL** 8

IMPORTANT CANVASS DATES

March 9th – Canvass Luncheon

March 16th – Stewardship Sunday

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**MAKE SURE YOUR PLEDGE REFLECTS
SKUU'S IMPORTANCE IN YOUR LIFE**

Annual Potluck Passover Seder

Friday April 18 Join us for this Family-friendly Religious Festival

We will start to congregate at about 6:00 p.m., with the service starting at 6:30

Watch for the Sign-up Sheet on the Table in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Joyce Kinnear @ joycekinnear@hotmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

SAVE THE DATE! **APRIL 27th - 11:30 - Annual Earth Fair**

If you're interested in participating, please contact
Colleen Saia @ 510-773-1497, csaiacv@aol.com





Awaken the Spirit!

Registration is now open for District Assembly

District Assembly 2014

April 25 - 27, 2014

Red Lion Hotel Westlake Conference Center

Sacramento, CA

Join 400 Vibrant & Vital Unitarian Universalists for a weekend of laughing, learning, networking and worship.

Registration is Now Open!

Regular Registration: \$165 to April 11th (*includes all three meals on Saturday.)

Late Registration: \$185 to April 18th (*includes all three meals on Saturday)

Registration CLOSSES at midnight on Friday, April 18th!

Children & Youth Registration Deadline: April 11th

[See this link to register today!](#)

[See the PCD DA2014 web site here!](#)

UU Family Camp

Mendocino Woodlands

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS STARTING IN FEB. FOR TWO SESSIONS

July 12-19, 2014; July 20-26, 2014

Please see webpage below

<http://www.ncuucc.org/calendar/family-camp/>

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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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 March 29, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. At Stuart Fink's Home. "42" (2013) The story Of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in major league baseball; Starring Chadwick Boseman and Harrison Ford (Rated Pg-13). 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 the 4th. Thursday 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.

STARR KING CHOIR Meets every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 am before the service. For information, please contact Jo Murdach jo71murdach@yahoo.com

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

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Dir. of Family Ministry: Rev. Darcy Baxter

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Fassano

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Social Justice Committee– Mary Swain

South Hayward Parish Bd. Rep.– Terry Owen

Sunday Coffee – Roy Dickerson

Usher Coordinator—Lavon Hodges

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