



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

MAY WORSHIP THEME:  
I'm Gonna Learn

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## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 18th

11:40am - 1pm

Vote on the proposed  
budget & new board  
officers.

Join your fellow  
SKUU members

Be an active member of  
your church community

Don't miss this  
all important meeting!

## MAY SERVICE PREVIEW

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

### May 4 *To See More Clearly*

Rev. Earl Koteen, pulpit guest

Challenging assumptions is particularly difficult when they aren't consciously held. We take them in like mother's milk until desire or crisis forces a reexamination. Such transitions are difficult, but there is wisdom and joy on the other side.

### May 11 *Beyond the Picket Fence* -

Revs. Katie Kandarian-Morris & Darcy Baxter

**MULTIGENERATIONAL** (for a portion of the service)  
Once again, on this Mother's Day, we'll challenge the notion that mothers are one certain archetype or families are one particular composition. Mothers from our community will share their wisdom and experience.

### May 18 *Life Lived According to Love*

Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

How do we find a way to give our lives meaning in a world so full of injustice, oppression and overwhelm? Let this day of celebrating the gifts given to this congregation begin our sense of gratitude. Following today's worship will be our annual meeting where we can all exercise our 5<sup>th</sup> principle.

### May 25 *The Search for Common Ground*

Rev. Károly Vass, pulpit guest

From time to time we have to ask ourselves on what type of ground we stand: is it sand or rock? How and why are we standing there? And one of the most important questions: who is standing with us. We will try to answer questions reflecting on the partner church movement, the importance of partners standing arm in arm looking towards the horizon. Our pulpit guest is this year's Balazs Scholar, bringing us Unitarianism from Transylvania.



# A Song Upon Our Lips

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KATIE'S BAY VIEW

From the conversations I've been having, the emails I have been reading, the meetings I've been attending, I know we're all rocked by change. I'm not going to be giving you any lessons on it—you'll get enough from your next minister after I'm gone, I'm sure. But I'm aware myself, of how I experience fits and starts of "it's fine" and "it's not!" in my daily life, practicing saying goodbye to friends and colleagues, and now saying real goodbyes to you.

At the ministers' transitions ritual (we have one in the spring every year at our ministers gathering), we acknowledged the lifeline that connects us one to another. Some think of this as our covenant, others, literally remembered the story of a rope that holds us when rock climbing. In our ritual, a ribbon, symbolizing that connection to each other, was passed around our large circle, as we saw written on the ribbon, the names and values we hold dear. Then, those of us who were making a big transition—leaving—had the lifeline cut, with scissors, recognizing our departure from our ministries, and some of the community itself. We moved to the center of the circle, with those who would remain, encircling us. We were prayed for, and we sang together, giving hugs and posing for photos as this emotional event ended. Just then, I began to realize I'm really going.

I've now taken my piece of ribbon and draped it over the rear-view mirror of my car. I guess it makes sense that's where it resides. I'm always going or coming in my car. My dear friend reminded me of the scene in the last episode of my once favorite show, *Six Feet Under*, where the younger daughter, Claire, drives out of town in her quiet cerulean Prius. A montage of all the people in her life and how their lives play out is glimpsed in between cuts of her steering; the smooth singer's lyrics of "Breathe Me" plays as the soundtrack.

At least this is not my last newsletter to you. There is still time to recall our time together.

The words from our 1937 hymnal inspire me, "...kindle in our hearts the faith that shall be a light upon our way and a song upon our lips."

*Love, Katie*



**Congratulations to Lily Carrell and her parents. Lily is heading off to U. C. Berkeley in the fall,**

**Congratulations to Mileva Lewis on her retirement.**

**Please keep Keith Lewis in your thoughts as he continues to struggle with serious back troubles.**

**Please keep John Gruver in your thoughts as he copes with a diabetic foot ulcer.**



## Your 2013-2014 Board of Trustees



Our church is at a significant crossroads in our history and our development. As we part ways with our long settled minister, we want to hold onto to all we've accomplished with Rev. Katie's guidance and forethought. Yet, as we look to the future, we find ourselves at a new beginning – facing many 'unknowns'. The decisions we make now, financially and otherwise, will affect our future. I'd like to explain briefly some of these decisions that are coming up and how they relate to each other.

We are currently in the midst of our annual canvass, asking members for their financial support for the coming year while transitioning into the future and preparing our congregation for a new called Minister.

Each year during the canvas, Starr King's leaders try to make the church's financial situation clear, so that members understand the expenses, needs and goals when considering what amount to pledge for next year. Our budget for the current year 2013-14 is \$155,700, from which we have a payroll of \$116,905. The remaining amount is for utilities and upkeep of our building and grounds.

The new year will not be any different. We are still committed to paying a full time Minister; the recommended salary ranges for an Interim are the same as those of a settled Minister. We have also added some additional items to the budget that were expressed at our leadership retreat in February; these included a paid music director and an increase in salary for Director of Family Ministries.

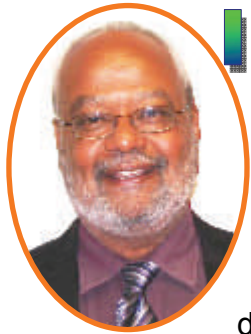
The interim ministry is an important step. The interim minister guides us through the first year of letting go and helps us to evaluate how well we operate as a congregation. This allows us to look at what we do well, and see where we need to improve so that we can welcome our next Minister with a fresh start.

At our May Board meeting we will be proposing a budget to be approved by the congregation at our annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held right after service in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 18, from 11:40am – 1pm.

For those who plan to pledge financial support to this church for next year, and for those who are considering whether to make a pledge, we hope you will consider the future of Starr King UU Church and what that future means to you.

*In Fellowship*  
*Colleen Dino*  
*Board President*

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# Interning in May *By Roy King* 4

As I finish my two-year internship this month, I am filled with a medley of feelings: joy, sadness, nostalgia and anticipation. I am joyful and filled with gratitude for the amazing experiences that Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church has furnished me—the preaching and worship, the opportunity to discover my fascination with and dedication toward adult spiritual formation, and being a prophetic public witness in the many arenas of the Martin Luther King Rally and March, hosting the film and discussion on transgender issues, and participating in “Beloved Conversations”. This internship has been truly transformative and I thank this established teaching congregation for my professional and spiritual growth.







One of many spiritually expanding encounters comes to mind that I wanted to share with you. One congregant recently approached me very politely posing a theological question. “If Nature is sacred, are not iPhones and computers as well?”. I extended her inquiry to include GMO food, fracking and commuting the Nimitz freeway. She, like so many of you all at Starr King compelled me to pause and reflect on this deep philosophical question. I am spiritually a pantheist with a nature-based worship practice and was somewhat floored by her query. Maybe, Nature, herself, which must include all of humanity’s constructs, is not entirely sacred—maybe sacredness is a relationship and dependent on context, place and time. If I were a different person and not the tech naïve guy I who I am, I could see the sacredness in an iPhone; perhaps, that is my growth horizon, but right now, although in principle all of Nature is divine to me, I only experience that divinity in the right frame of mind, such as walking in the forest or along a beach or in deep communication with another soul. But that is my limitation.

What is wonderful about Starr King is that you always pose these deep questions and constantly move beyond New Age platitudes; everything is ripe for exploration! I will miss everyone, but I’m keeping a space in my heart for you and the memories of my fascinating spiritual journey here in this community.

*Shanti, Roy*



## May Birthdays

	7	EMMA MIYOSHI	16	BECKETT WAGNER	
	14	PAT KELLNOR	21	KAREN KRAMER	
	16	LAVON HODGES	29	CAROL HENRIE	





# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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By Rev. Darcy Baxter, Dir. of Family Ministry

## MAY RE THEME: Interdependency

As Spring is in full bloom and with me hopefully weaning off crutches soon, that word interdependency is popping up frequently in my mind. Interdependency sounds so nice and connected. But having been thrust into a new state of dependency with my knee injury, I must confess that I have been craving some independence, not interdependence. Just like so much else in life, there are healthy ways to be dependent or interdependent and not so healthy ways. Part of faith formation for children and adults alike is the grappling with dependency, in its healthy and not so healthy forms. A dry, warm winter means higher food prices this Spring. Oh, but wasn't it nice those sunny 70 degree days in February? Interdependency is hard and complicated. It means enduring and putting up with all kinds of things-- from annoying family members to rainy winter days. It means figuring out what is healthy in our relationships and what is not so healthy and having courage to make some changes, despite how comfortable the familiar is. How do you relate to interdependency and what does that communicate to those around you?

One of the gifts of our integrated, multigenerational approach to religious exploration with children is how the children relate to those of different ages. As our children turn 9, 10, and 11, they become more able to be depended upon by the younger children. And it is a joy to see some of our children in this age range respond compassionately and caringly to the emotional needs of the younger children. Our multigenerational RE group is weaving a healthy interdependent web of mutuality. May we follow their lead!

**Blessings,**  
**Rev. Darcy**

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

**MAY 18th 11:40-1:00**

**DON'T MISS THIS ALL IMPORTANT MEETING**

**Vote on your new Board Members.**

**Have input into the budget for next year.**

**Be an active member of your church community.**

**Save the Date:**

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**Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m**

# **SKUUC Service Auction**

**Donate a Service:**

If you can provide transportation to the airport, wash windows, bake a cake, cookies, pies, prepare and serve dinner to group of people, provide computer services, or some other service, please contact Diane Meyerson at [ddmeyerson@gmail.com](mailto:ddmeyerson@gmail.com), 510-581-2037, or at church.

**Join the fun in both providing and bidding  
for services at the Service Auction**

## **Talent Night and Potluck Dinner MAY 10**

We need your talent and audience participation.

This is a fun time for all, families too! We'll start with potluck in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm; Talent night to follow in the sanctuary. For talent sign-up, please see the sheet on the community table. Questions? Contact Ruth

Desmidt at [gravitybr13@gmail.com](mailto:gravitybr13@gmail.com)

# MAKE SKUU'S PRESENCE FELT IN THE COMMUNITY!

Save the date! **May 17th** for Hayward's Clean and Green:  
8:30 am - 12 noon

Morning trash pickup to be followed by a BBQ lunch. Let's see how many "yellow T's" we can gather and "spread the love!"

**Meet at: Weekes Park - 27182 Patrick Avenue Hayward. Sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.**

# CIRCLE SUPPER

If you are interested in a small group of laughter, conversation and food, sign up for the circle supper on **Saturday, May 17**. The dinner will be at one person's home, and everyone brings a dish. Please sign up with your name, email, food requirements, whether you can host or if you would like to attend a family friendly dinner. Please **sign up by Sunday, May 4** to allow coordination of dinners. Contact Joyce Kinnear at [joycekinnear@hotmail.com](mailto:joycekinnear@hotmail.com) if you have questions.



# 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 May 31 at 7:00 at Stuart Fink's home "Saving Mr. Banks" (2013) The story of how Walt Disney obtained the rights to film Mary Poppins from P. L. Travers. Starring Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson (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](mailto:jo71murdach@yahoo.com)

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# HOW TO REACH US

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## Church Office Hours

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

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## Church Leadership

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## Positions

Adult Religious Education – Jennifer Koney

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