



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP THEME:  
COME, COME, WHOEVER YOU ARE

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## TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP THE CHURCH

You can earn money for Starr King by shopping at both Safeway and Amazon. After signing up on the **Safeway** website <http://www.safeway.com/ShopStores/Card-Programs> and then, using your debit card whenever you shop, a percentage of your bill will be donated to Starr King. You will need your Safeway card and a debit card; Safeway will not accept credit cards for "eScrip." To earn money through Amazon get on Amazon.com by going to the Starr King website (<http://starrking.org/>) and at the bottom of the first page you will see **Resources** and under that **Amazon (info)** then **Amazon (shop)** just click on "**Amazon (shop)**" and you will be taken to Amazon.com where you can begin shopping. Again, a portion of your purchase price will automatically be sent to the church.

## SEPTEMBER SERVICE PREVIEWES Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

**Aug 31**      **Labor Day**      Bob Britton  
Join us for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Sunday Service. Come share poetry, songs and reflection. This always proves to be a memorable service.

**Sept. 7**      **Homecoming/Water Communion Service: It Begins With Water**      Rev. Joy Atkinson

In this **intergenerational service**, the congregation will come together to launch a new "church year" with the traditional Water Communion service, celebrated in many UU congregations. Please bring some water from, or symbolic of, your summer journeys and activities to add to the communal bowl.

**Sept. 14**      **Halleluiah, Anyway**      Rev. Joy Atkinson

Life is a bumpy road, as the Buddha said centuries ago. But it is also a wondrous, awesome gift. How can we ride out the bumps and yet maintain balance? How can we sing life's praises when we are feeling down? The service will celebrate all that is our lives.

**Sept. 21**      **Science and Culture**      Starr King Member Sherman Lewis

Come join us as we explore the allure and limits of science and culture.

**Sept. 28**      **High Holy Days Service: The Miracle of Forgiveness**      Rev. Joy Atkinson

The High Holy Days of Judaism ended on Saturday with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. This time in the Jewish calendar calls upon observers to take stock of their lives over the past year and actively seek and offer forgiveness. How can the miracle of forgiveness offer a healing balm in our own lives?

## When To Call the Minister

As your new interim minister, I am here to accomplish with you some interim tasks and to help you navigate the transition to a new settled minister. But I do want you to know that I am also here to carry out the usual duties of a parish minister, which includes responding to a variety of expressed needs. For instance, you can call on me when:

- You are experiencing a crisis or emergency
- You would like to explore issues in your personal life
- You would like help in planning a ceremony, such as a child dedication, wedding, memorial service, house blessing, etc.
- You or someone you know is in the hospital, in a convalescent home or in prison, and could use a visit.
- You would like to discuss some aspect of church life
- You are considering joining the church
- You have an idea for a Sunday service
- You would like to explore further an idea or subject area that you heard in a sermon
- You would like to discuss your personal spiritual journey
- You simply want us to get better acquainted
- You heard a great joke that you'd like to pass along!

And, if you can't decide whether or not it is appropriate to call me, DO CALL! I wish to be as available to you as I can be.

You may call me at home (510) 653-5867 or at the church office, or email me at [revjoy@aol.com](mailto:revjoy@aol.com) or [minister@starking.org](mailto:minister@starking.org).

I am looking forward to a productive, and enjoyable, interim period among you!





# Your SKUU Board - Sept. 2014

By Diana Dickerson - Board VP

Hello, I am the vice president of the board. As the VP my responsibilities are to attend the board meetings, to participate in the executive committee meetings, to facilitate the Committee Council meetings, which we try to have every three months, and to act as the liaison to the Finance Committee. I am proud to have been elected by the congregation for such important work.

We are coming back from vacations. It is time for school and careers and getting ready to work with Joy Atkinson to prepare for a new settled minister.

Joy attended our August Board meeting. It was so nice to meet her and get to know a little bit about her. She will be setting up meetings with as many members as possible so we will all have a chance to get know her better.

The Start-up Workshop on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> was facilitated by Josh Searle-White. It was great. Joy was there and we had a nice turnout. It seems that many of us had some fears and some hopes for our future. We were able to express ourselves very well. When we were ready to go home, I think we all felt that we are ready to begin our journey toward a new settled minister in two years. Both Joy and Josh were very reassuring about our concerns and Joy was energetic and knowledgeable about how to best proceed.

We are still seeking a DRE for our children's RE program. We think that with people coming back to school at CSEB, Mills, Starr King School for the Ministry, and the Pacific School of Religion we will find the right person for the job. For the time being we will be finishing up our summer funshops and preparing for our regular program to resume.

*Diana Dickerson*

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# ***SEPTEMBER FUNSHOPS***

***Sept. 7*** Intergenerational Service-Water Communion

***Sept. 14*** Funshop with Lea Casini, preparing for the RE BBQ party later that afternoon.

***Sept. 21*** Solar Funshop with Roy Dickerson

***Sept. 28*** Fall children's curriculum begins

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## ***R.E. Kickoff Sunday*** **September 14**



Families and Friends,



It is with great pleasure that we are inviting you to our exciting Religious Exploration Fall Kickoff Party at Lake Chabot (17600 Lake Chabot Rd, Castro Valley, 94546) on Sunday, Sept. 14 from 12 noon to 3 pm.



We are looking forward to a fantastic year of religious exploration and want to start it off with a celebration. Activities included are: face painting, fun games for all ages, and even a patio boat ride around the lake.



Everything will be provided at no cost. Burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, watermelon, chips, cake, and healthy drinks will be provided.



If you want to bring a side dish, you may, but we should have plenty of food. We can't wait to see you there! All families and church members are welcome.



Feel free to contact David Middleton at [tonmiddle@yahoo.com](mailto:tonmiddle@yahoo.com) with any thoughts or questions.



# **GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **NEW SMALL GROUPS STARTING IN THE FALL**

The church will be starting two groups this fall as part of the Small Group Ministry program.

- One group, led by Bob Britton and Liz Macera, will start on Monday, October 20th at 7:00 PM, continuing the first and third Monday of each month until June 1, 2015.
- The other group will be led by Heidi Green and Doug Sprague and start on Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM, continuing the first and third Tuesday until June 2, 2015.

Small Group Ministry (SGM) promotes the mission of the church by offering small groups where members have the opportunity for deeper relationships with others and for a deeper exploration of life. It will offer a welcoming place to share our lives, to care for each other, to discuss important topics, and to increase our listening skills in an open and respectful setting, and to participate in a service project in the church or larger community.

To make the group a safe and nurturing place, members will agree to :

- a. honor the time together as an opportunity to put our UU values and principles into practice.
- b. make a commitment to attend the meetings.
- c. attend at least four meetings.
- d. listen deeply to one another and give each person equal time.
- e. make decisions as a group during the meeting.
- f. speak from their hearts and experiences, while avoiding the temptation to give advice, lecture, or preach.
- g. engage in some collective act of service.
- h. respect confidentiality.

A pilot small group was held this past summer for five sessions and the members of this group (Bob Britton, Heidi Green, Kirk Klausmeyer, Kathryn Lamar, Mary Lasack, Liz Macera, Zelma Nunez-Borja, Joyce Van Scyoc, Doug Sprague, and Laura Zhang) are open to sharing their group experience with you. The topics covered by this group were confidentiality, time, aging, indulgence and happiness.

If you are interested in more information or if you want to join one of these groups, please contact one of the SGM planning group (Bob Britton, Heidi Green, Liz Macera, Beth Ogilvie, and Doug Sprague) or [SMG@starrking.org](mailto:SMG@starrking.org). Deadline: Sunday, September 14th.

## **Morning Discovery**

The Morning Discovery group will be on hiatus for the month of September.

They will resume meeting on the 1st. Wednesday in October.

We are holding **Vern and Jackie Beggs** in our thoughts. Their granddaughter, **Amanda**, has died. She was too young to go.

We send good and supportive thoughts to **Harlan Golec**. His mother, **Bryne**, has died. She will be missed.

**Ann Chappell** has two new family members. Two new grandnephews joined her on 7/4 & 7/10. We welcome them.



**Audrey Le Pell's** granddaughter, **Arden**, is going to graduate school in New York City. Good job.

Congratulations to **Susan Forsyth** and her new husband, **Dan Wong**. Well done.

**Terri Owen** reports that the special plate for **South Hayward Parish** netted over two thousand dollars. Thanks to all of us.

# Sept. Birthdays

2 MARY LASACK

3 ANDREW LASACK CHAPPEL

3 OLIVIA KIESLING

6 DANIEL HITCHINGS

9 RYTHE HULTMAN-DESMIDT

9 LINDA MIYOSHI

10 JODY DISTLER-DILL

11 MARILYN MOSHER

14 KIRK SMITH

15 TERRI OWEN

20 CAREY SANCHEZ PARA

28 ALLISON FINK

29 DONNIE RETT

## Still Time to Sign Up

### CIRCLE SUPPER

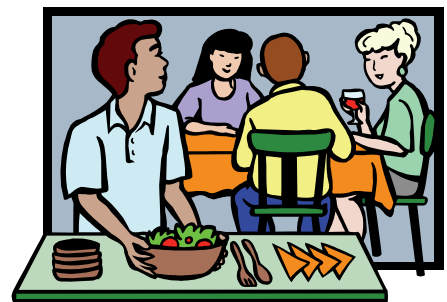
Saturday, September 20

If you would like to have an evening of food and conversation with members of the church, please sign up for the potluck Circle Supper dinner.

You will bring an item of food to share, and the host will coordinate the meal. We have dinners that are family friendly. Also, we are always happy to have members volunteer to host dinner.

Please sign up by early September, to allow time for coordinating the dinners. The sign up sheet for your name, email and food preferences will be in the fellowship hall.

Contact Joyce Kinnear at [joycekinnear@hotmail.com](mailto:joycekinnear@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.



# Do your part, be water smart

**By Terry Preston; Member SKUU Church**

By now we all know that we are in the middle of a serious drought. 2014 is the second driest year in California's recorded history. The good news is that there are things we can do to get through the dry times while hoping for a wetter California in the future.

Starting in August, all EBMUD customers must:

- **Water outdoors in a way that prevents runoff in gutters, patios, walkways, driveways or streets. Limit the frequency of irrigation.**
- **Use a hose with shut-off nozzle if you wash your vehicle at home.**
- **Use recirculated, and preferably recycled water in fountains.**
- **Don't use potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways. If you must wash hard surfaces for sanitary reasons, use a hose with a shut-off nozzle.**

**Cut your total water use by at least 10%.**

## **MORE TIPS ON CUTTING BACK:**

Use the [ebmud.com](http://ebmud.com) WaterSmart Home survey kit to evaluate your home's water use and find leaks and inefficient fixtures.

Toilet and irrigation systems contain some of the biggest leaks. Find them and fix them.

Look for signs of irrigation leaks, overspray and run-off. Your lawn needs water only two days a week, shrubs and trees only one day this time of year.

Upgrade appliances and plumbing fixtures to water efficient models. EBMUD offers water conservation rebates to customers for toilets and washing machines.

Consider converting lawns to a sustainable landscape. Upgrade irrigation equipment to efficient drip systems and self-adjusting controllers. Rebates are available for single- and multi-family residences and commercial customers.

Visit the following websites for more good tips on rebates and how to cut back on water use: [www.ebmud.com](http://www.ebmud.com) ;



# Climate Change March

## Sponsored by UUSC

### (Unitarian Universalist Service Comm.)

Join us next month in taking action to support climate justice! Attend the People's Climate March in New York City on September 21 or find, support, or organize a related event in your area.

Climate change poses a threat to human rights in the United States and around the world. From women's empowerment to disaster recovery, from access to clean water to food sustainability, efforts to improve human rights are already being strained by climate change.

Many communities whose rights are already at risk — including low-income people, women, indigenous people, and people of color — often experience the greatest negative impacts of global warming and related processes like fossil fuel extraction.

As a human rights organization committed to working with marginalized people around the world, UUSC is deeply engaged in supporting communities responding to these global threats.

We invite you to join us in whatever way you can. In September, timed to coincide with the United Nations Climate Summit, there will be a mass mobilization in support of climate justice.

### Here's how you can participate:

- If you are in the New York area (or can reach New York via sustainable modes of transportation): Participate in the **People's Climate March on September 21**. This may be the largest climate march in history, with an estimated one million people gathering in New York City. There are many events scheduled for the weekend, including a Saturday night interfaith worship service hosted by young adults and open to all, a massive interfaith service on Sunday morning before the march, and a gathering directly following the march at Community Church of New York, UU. RSVP for the march now!
- If you are not traveling to New York: Organize a local solidarity action or contribute to one that is already being planned. Be part of a demonstration, an educational activity, a letter-writing event, or any other gathering calling for effective global action to advance climate justice. In finding or planning local activities, consider how you can support communities in your own area that are most affected by the climate crisis and are leading efforts to respond. Learn more about participating in local action.

Sincerely,

Bill Schulz

President and CEO

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

PS. The People's Climate March is also the kickoff of Commit2Respond! A movement of supporters taking action for climate justice, Commit2Respond is a collaboration of the Unitarian Universalist Association, UUSC, the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice, the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, and others.

# 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 Sat. September 27, 2014 At 7:00 P.M. "Mental" (2013) comedy-drama about a hitchhiker chosen to be a nanny to 5 teenaged girls after their mother is committed to a mental hospital by her politician husband; Starring Toni Collette and Liev Schreiber (not rated). 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** 11  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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## Church Leadership

### Board of Trustees

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## Positions

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**Adult Religious Education** – Jennifer Koney

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**Social Justice Committee**– Mary Swain

**South Hayward Parish Bd. Rep.**– Terry Owen

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**Worship Committee** – Lu Middleton

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### **Publishing Deadline:**

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