



THE FLAMING CHALICE

Sunday Service Previews

June 7 Flower Communion Service

Earth Laughs in Flowers

Rev. Joy Atkinson

This Sunday we engage in a uniquely Unitarian ritual that was established in Czechoslovakia on June 4th, 1923, and is widely celebrated in our Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist congregations.

Please bring a flower for every attending member of your family to add to the communal bouquet, representing the diverse gifts we bring. Join us for this beautiful service celebrating our history and symbolizing the diversity of the gifts we bring.

June 14

Confessions of a Mystical, Humanistically-Inclined Agnostic Theist With Pagan Tendencies and a Love For Jesus

Rev. Joy Atkinson

The title of this sermon is inspired by the diversity of beliefs one finds within a UU congregation—sometimes within one individual Unitarian Universalist!

Joy will explore her personal theology, and invites you to do the same.

June 21 Father's Day service

Glen Jacob

" A Mighty Fortress was my Dad "

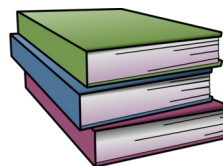
Join us for a lay led service, where we will celebrate

fathers with word, song and poetry.

June 28

Book Communion Bill & Ruth Desmond

Bring a book for the book communion (children too) and leave with a book. And enjoy some inspirational words to live by.



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happy father's day!

Words of Joy

by Joy Atkinson
Interim Minister

I wish to begin my summer well; to do something in it worthy of it and me; to transcend my daily routine...to have my immortality now...in the quality of my daily life!"

--Henry David Thoreau

As this transitional “church year” comes to a close and the summer approaches, I look back at the year just past, and see that much has been accomplished. Many of you attended the start-up workshop presented by District Executive Josh-Searle-White, and many attended the six cottage meetings I facilitated—all of which contributed to an understanding of what issues and challenges are currently facing this congregation. The cottage meetings also explored future hopes and dreams.

In November, we celebrated the 60th anniversary of this congregation, with former members returning to celebrate with us, three past presidents sharing highlights of their tenures as president, and eight new members joining us during the service that day, all followed by a scrumptious lunch. The recent pledge drive, launched with a festive brunch after a service, was a success, with more being raised in pledges than the modest goal that was budgeted, which will mean that less will have to be taken out of savings to cover the costs involved in the search for a new minister.

We welcomed a total of 11 new members into the congregation this year, and we continue to hold monthly informational orientation meetings for newcomers and visitors. Also this year, we hosted a Small Group Ministry program, with two groups gathering on a regular basis with a structured format to discuss topics of interest and to share personal journeys. Another small group will run over the summer, and the program will begin again with two or more groups in the fall.

Other special activities included an evening celebrating the contributions of Pete Seeger, noted folk musician and Unitarian Universalist, a workshop put on by the Multi-Cultural Anti-Racism Alliance exploring hidden bias in our communications and ways to be more inclusive and welcoming, and a dedication of our new Little Free Library, which stands at the entrance to the church as a free public book exchange featuring books for children and teens and books for adults on parenting.

At the end of April, a Ministerial Search Committee was elected, which has begun an intensive year of work that will result in the calling of this congregation’s next settled parish minister. While the search for a settled minister proceeds, I will continue to serve as your interim minister. I look forward to another year of ministry among you.

I will begin my summer by attending the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association and UUMA Ministry Days from June 21st to June 29th in Portland, Oregon. I will be in the office the week following GA and will speak on July 5th. After that I will be on summer leave. I can be reached in an emergency through the office or via email.

Have a wonderful, renewing and restful summer!

Joy

Religious Exploration



DRE
Rennis Tomley

The Religious Exploration program year is quickly coming to a close. We had a great year with exploring our UU principles and World Religions. We were able to gather donations of food that was donated to the South Hayward Parish, clothing and toys for FESCO and dog and cat food and toys for the Hayward Animal Shelter. We created our Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary, and have become stewards to our Little Free Library and volunteered to be RE greeters on Sunday mornings.. The children worked very hard and had a lot of fun as well.

Upcoming activities for June will be:

Sunday June 7: Teacher Appreciation Day. We will present our teachers with an appreciation gift for all the wonderful work they did this past year in the Religious Education program. Please plan on attending this service to thank our teachers!

Sunday June 14: Our Religious Exploration children and their families have been invited to Sunny Slope Farms in Castro Valley! We will feed goats, collect eggs, harvest plants, taste produce grown on the farm and more.

Religious Exploration



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Core values about sharing and giving are values that all of us would like to pass on to our children and grandchildren. But how can you instill those principles in today's fast-paced, social media-driven world?

I have been looking into curriculum choices for next year through the UUA website. Because of the work that the children have done this past year and the work they will continue to do next year, and most importantly, building on the interests of the children, I found a curriculum that I found interesting and one that includes outside activities from the regular Sunday morning.

The UUA has suggested that the program *Learning to Give*, though not a UUA developed curriculum, can teach the Seven Principles of our faith within their lessons.

The *Learning to Give* program defines *philanthropy* as giving, serving, and taking action for the common good. The definition includes the traditional giving and extends the definition to cover volunteer work and social activism. A key element is the voluntary participation of others acting for the common good.

Research indicates that children learn the value of philanthropic behavior through

Modeling: By observing voluntary behavior intended to help others modeled by their primary caregiver, teacher, or religious leader.

Cognitive Learning: When explicitly informed by a knowledgeable adult about philanthropy, its benefits, and the causes and effects of philanthropic behavior.

Experiential Learning: Opportunities to engage in giving and serving activities.

Children and youth benefit from involvement in service and giving activities that are directly linked to the teaching and practices of their faith and religious values. The "faith factor" has been identified as a factor having a positive influence on all kinds of secular philanthropy, particularly in the areas of high risk youth.

I think that our children will increase their awareness of philanthropy and will learn more about how they can make a difference by caring and helping with causes important to them.

Please take a look at *Learning to Give*, at learningtogive.com and let me as well as members of the Religious Education committee know your thoughts and suggestions on this curriculum for next year.

Report from the Peace & Justice Action Team

New Documentary, “Faith Against Fracking,” which features our own Rev. Joy Atkinson and several other faith leaders, talking about the moral aspects of fracking.

We were able to attend the world premier of this film recently in Berkeley, and when we commented to the director on how much Reverend Joy was featured in the film, he said, “We had recorded several faith leaders talking about each of the various topics we wanted to include in the film, and as we were deciding which leader’s thoughts to include in the film on each topic, on most of them Reverend Joy got the essential message across the best.”

We’ll be talking in our P&JAT meeting after church on June 14 about when to share “*Faith Against Fracking*” in this area, and whether to aim it primarily at Starr King’s congregation by showing it at the church, or to share it with the community by showing it at the Castro Valley Library. Join us on June 14 after the worship service if you have an opinion about where to show it.

Why does our Peace & Justice Team focus so much on politics? Politics is dirty and messy, and a topic to be avoided in polite company!

Please consider this: We UU’s subscribe to some lofty principles and purposes. You may not have read them for awhile, but they’re printed on the back of our Order of Service every Sunday.

Most of us intend to live a moral life, which is another way to say we intend to live by those principles and purposes. How can we really implement those principles and purposes in the world we live in? Partly of course, by the way we treat other people, animals, plants, and Mother Earth.

But we’re also part of a complex interdependent web of existence, a web which is composed of not only the spiritual dimension, but also the material dimension. Thousands of decisions are made and actions are taken, in our names, by elected officials and their minions, every day, in our city, county, state, and federal governments. Those decisions and actions either move our world toward love and connectedness, or toward disconnectedness, and, yes, sometimes they are founded on fear and hate. So living a moral life demands that we participate in the political process.

Representative democracy and the need for accurate

**information—
where do you get your news?**

My favorite t-shirt says, “Democracy Isn’t a Spectator Sport.” If we’re to live a moral life, we need to a) be reasonably well-informed citizens, b) let our representatives know where we stand on important issues, and c) vote.

For the sake of this discussion, let’s assume we live in a representative democracy. (Whether that is really true is worthy of discussion another day.) If it is to work at all well, the citizens in a democracy need to be well informed. To be well informed means we must have accurate information about what’s going on in the world. Our forefathers’ recognition of the need for accurate information led to the protection of the freedom of the press in the Bill of Rights which was added to the constitution in 1791.

So where do **you** get your news? How complete and accurate is it? Those questions will be the subject of our report in the next Chalice. Stay tuned.

by Frank Burton, Chair

The Peace & Justice Action Team



STARR KING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Making The Most Of Your Health Care Provider Visit
A Workshop – 27 June 2015, 10 am to 12 Noon

At this Workshop, you will learn how to:

Make the most out of your visit with your health care provider;

Go away understanding the medical “mumbo jumbo”;

Obtain the information that you need;

Know your rights as outlined in the California Patient Care Bill of Rights,
and

Learn what preventive measures adults should take to enhance their
health.

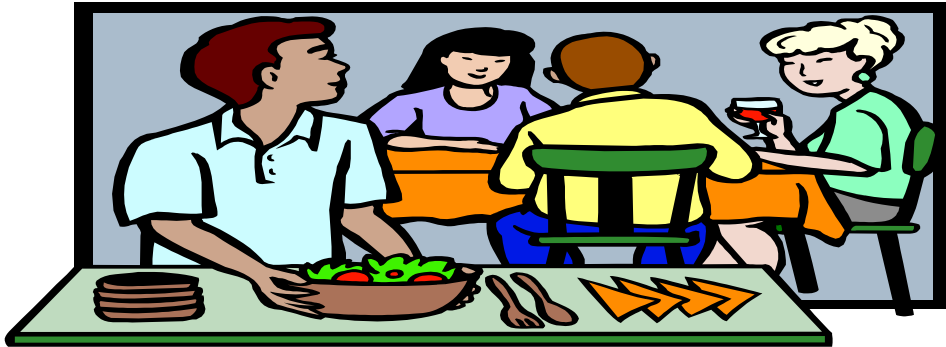
If you have these questions, or others, then join us on 27 June from 10 am to 12 noon here at SKUUC, to hear the answers.

Mileva Saulo Lewis, EdD, RN, (milevas@aol.com) and Liz Macera, PhD, RN, (lizmacera@gmail.com), members of Starr King, with extensive experience in these matters, will be providing answers to those questions.

There is no charge for this workshop.

CIRCLE SUPPER

Still Time to Sign Up Saturday, June 27



If you enjoy getting together with a small group of church members for dinner and conversation, circle suppers are for you! We will meet at the home of a church member in groups of 6 to 10 for a potluck dinner and conversation. The next circle supper is scheduled for Saturday, June 27. Whether you are a guest, a new member or a long term member, you will enjoy the dinner.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall in May and early June (we cut off sign-ups about the middle of June to allow hosts(esses) to contact attendees and coordinate dinners. Please sign up with dietary restrictions, whether you prefer a family friendly dinner and if you are able to host. Hosts and hostesses are always treasured!

Contact Joyce Kinnear at joycekinnear@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Church Bookstore

Open on the THIRD SUNDAY of the month, after the service

Drum Circle

Meets on the FIRST FRIDAY of the month, from 7 to 9 PM, in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy a fun, but spiritual, evening. Open to all adults and mature children accompanied by an adult.

Evening Meditation

Meets EVERY WEDNESDAY of the month, from 7 to 8 PM. Come practice meditation and reap its benefits. Open to all.

Starr King Elderberries

Meets on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month, at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch. Come enjoy learning about and discussing topics of particular interest to YOU! Open to all self-identified elders.

Peace & Justice Action Team

Meets on the SECOND SUNDAY of the month following at 12:00 noon, in the Conference Room. Open to all.

Hospitality and Membership Committee

Meets on the THIRD SUNDAY of the month, following the service, at 12:00 noon.

Morning Discovery

Meets on the FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS of the month, from 10:00 to 11:15 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us to explore community, discuss spirituality, and share silence. Open to all.

SKIT (Starr King Improv Troupe)

Meets on the SECOND THURSDAY of the month, at 7:30 PM. Open to all.

Starr King Choir

Rehearsals are set as needed. For information, contact Jo Murdach at 510-581-6794 or <jo71murdach@yahoo.com>.

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*Love is the Fabric of
Community*