



Newsletter

**Starr King Unitarian-  
Universalist Church of  
Hayward California**

September 2015

# THE FLAMING CHALICE

## September Service Preview

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

September 6

### **Not your Father's Labor Movement**

Bob Britton

While some believe they have heard the death knell of unions, a new generation of union leaders has found astounding success in progressive coalitions organizing minimum-wage workers. While union membership is declining, public-sector unions are stronger than ever, but now in the gunsights of the Right. Learn more and join us at our annual Labor Day Service for a high energy hour of music, song and poetry as we celebrate our work and our struggles. The offertory this Sunday will be donated to the Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy.

September 13

### **Intergenerational Water Communion Service: The Stream of Life**

Rev. Joy Atkinson

Join us for our homecoming service featuring the distinctly UU ritual—the Gathering of the Waters. Please bring a small amount of water, collected from, representing or symbolic of your summer activities, to add to the communal bowl.

September 20

### **High Holy Days Service: Whatever Became of Guilt?**

Rev. Joy Atkinson

We Unitarian Universalists boast a “guilt-free” religion, without the threat of eternal punishment for our wrongdoings. Freedom from religious guilt is liberating for many of us. The emotional experience of guilt can certainly be debilitating. But can guilt also be useful and motivating? Does guilt have a positive side?

September 27

### **The Legacy of Heresy: The Story of Michael Servetus**

Rev. Joy Atkinson

On this 504th anniversary of his birth around 1511, we will take a fresh look at the contributions of an important forebear of our free faith: the Spanish nobleman Michael Servetus, whose questioning of accepted church practices and beliefs got him into serious trouble but inspired many who came after him.

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**ANNOUNCING** the Biannual Starr King UU Church



**SERVICE  
AUCTION!**

**Saturday  
October 24  
6:00 PM**

*Fun, fellowship, food (and fundraising)*

**CAN YOU PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DONATE A SERVICE FOR THE AUCTION?  
WHETHER OR NOT, PLAN TO COME AND BID!**

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICES—OR SOMETHING NEW!**

<b><u>ARTS AND CRAFTS</u></b> CUSTOM SILK FLOWER ARRANGEMENT HEM ONE PAIR OF PANTS	<b><u>HOUSEHOLD HELP</u></b> CARE FOR PLANTS/PETS UP TO ONE WEEK ME AND MY PICK UP TRUCK FOR A DAY
<b><u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u></b> 2 HOURS INTERIOR DESIGN CONSULTATION (1) ONE EVENING BABYSITTING (2)	<b><u>OUTING, PICNICS, DINNERS</u></b> ELECTION DAY PARTY (UP TO 11) WINE TASTING TOUR (UP TO 3)
<b><u>FOODS AND GOODIES</u></b> ONE DOZEN MUFFINS EACH MONTH SPECIALTY BASKET FOR ANY OCCASION	<b><u>LESSONS/CLASSES</u></b> FOUR HOURS OF COMPUTER ASSISTANCE 3 HOURS OF ELEMENTARY TUTORING

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## **Words of Joy**

**by  
Joy Atkinson,  
Interim Minister**

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As I write these words, I am on vacation but am anticipating a return to the office next week, and the start of a new church year among you. My summer leave was a quiet one, with a few short trips and house projects to occupy my time. I just returned from a trip to Portland to celebrate my younger grandson's third birthday. It was quite hot there! Now, back in Berkeley with its mercifully cool summer (usually), I am looking forward to the busyness of the start-up of this second interim year at SKUUC, and the many activities we will engage in together.

I hope to see many of you at our homecoming water communion service on September 13 (don't forget to bring your water from summer activities), followed that Sunday by the RE Council-sponsored BBQ at Lake Chabot. This fall there will also be a service auction on October 24<sup>th</sup> and a special service and workshop regarding the ministerial search process on a Sunday in October or November—the date is yet to be determined. I also expect to offer, for newcomers and long-timers alike, a series of adult education sessions based on my modified version of the old *Building Your Own Theology* curriculum, which will provide a chance for members and friends to get better acquainted and to explore their own beliefs, values, and spiritual journeys in a supportive group setting. The Small Group Ministry facilitators will be starting new groups this fall as well.

So there is much to be involved in, and there are many opportunities to join in the social activities and learning adventures that are an important part of what Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church is all about. Join us!

*Fondly,*

**Joy**



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# ***President's Report***

## ***September 2015***

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***by Diana Dickerson***

Welcome back from summer,

Don't forget to sign-up and attend our Fall Kick-off Potluck at Lake Chabot Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. It is a chance for all of us at SKUUC to eat and play together!

We have a wonderfully resurfaced parking lot, approved by the Board, to celebrate. I appreciate the cooperation of all our members, committees, small group ministries, and special interest groups who accommodated this work by moving their meetings. You all rock.

The Board brought Bob Britton on board to finish Heidi Green's term at our last meeting. I want to publicly thank him for stepping up. We are now at ten members as required in our bylaws.

By the time you read this we will have our Minister, Joy, and our DRE, Rennie, back in the fold. The children seem to enjoy our summer funshops, but I am sure that they will be happy to have Rennie back at the helm. It will also steady things to have Joy's experience available to help light the way.

Meanwhile, our Search Committee has been working hard to get all of our ducks in a row. That can be difficult because some of our ducks are against lining up. Please don't be a messy duck. We need to help ourselves get a good fit with our next settled minister.

These are exciting times for our church. I know that we will all bring our best selves to the challenges we have in front of us. We are really a special group of people with good hearts and great minds. We all want to make the right choices. I am certain that we will do our very best. What more can we ask for?

Thank you all for your energy and support. You are the best.

Respectfully yours,  
Diana Dickerson,  
Board President



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# ***RE Announcements***

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## ***Fall Kickoff Potluck / BBQ sponsored by the RE Council***

Mark your calendar for September 13. After church on that day all church members are invited to gather at Lake Chabot for great food, games for all ages, and fantastic company. A patio boat ride around the lake will also be a part of the festivities. We ask those attending, who are willing, to sign up to bring a dish to the potluck. Joyce Kinnear has already agreed to bake one of her famous homemade desserts and David Middleton has promised to bring a savory mystery dish. Please look for the potluck sign up sheet at the back table of the church. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Event Location:** 17930 Lake Chabot Rd, Castro Valley, CA 94546 Onsite parking is \$5, but street parking is available and free!

## **Summer's End—Final Summer Funshops and activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic/Facilitators</b>
September 6	Little Library, with David Middleton and Allison Prout
September 13	BBQ Party Preparation (service is intergenerational)
September 20	RE Curriculum resumes



**Next Weed N Feed  
Saturday, October 17  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**



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# **Celebrate Bisexuality Day on September 23**

*By Ruth DeSmidt, President PFLAG Hayward East Bay*

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September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 is a BIG day! It is the start of Yom Kippur, it is the Autumn Equinox, and it is Celebrate Bisexuality Day. Three momentous days!!!

Celebrate Bisexuality Day has been known by different names over the years—Bi Visibility Day, Bisexual Pride Day, CBD—but Celebrate Bisexuality Day remains dedicated to bringing respect, visibility, awareness, and education around all people who identify as having fluid identities. Since folks often face exclusion from gay, lesbian, and non-LGBT people, Celebrate Bisexuality Day provides an international space for members of fluid communities to be seen, heard, and celebrated.

What do you do if someone says they're bisexual? The right answer is to accept it, to believe them, and if you find yourself doubting them, question your own understanding of bisexuality, not their identity.

Bisexuality is the most misunderstood letter in the LGBT acronym. But really, bisexuality is very simple. As Robyn Ochs, a world-famous bi activist, author, and speaker says: "I call myself bisexual because I acknowledge that I have in myself the potential to be attracted – romantically and/or sexually – to people of more than one sex and/or gender, not necessarily at the same time, not necessarily in the same way, and not necessarily to the same degree."

**Bisexuality is NOT**

**just a phase.**

**It's MY LIFE!!!**

The day was established by three bi activists in 1999, and has since grown to get the attention of the White House, where officials met with 33 activists, researchers and policy wonks, including our own Heidi Bruins Green, on CBD 2013 to discuss bi equality. CBD has even been praised by a member of the UK government.

While at first it only took hold in areas with an extremely strong bisexual presence like Boston and Minneapolis, it is now celebrated in some countries outside the United States, including Canada and Australia. At [Texas A&M University](#), Bi Week celebrations featured discussion panels and question-and-answer sessions. It has also been celebrated in Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

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On September 18, 2012, Berkeley, California became what is thought to be the first city in the U.S. to officially proclaim a day recognizing bisexuals. The Berkeley City Council unanimously and without discussion declared Sept. 23 as Bisexual Pride and Bi Visibility Day.

Well-known bisexuals include: Angelina Jolie, Marlon Brando, Cynthia Nixon (*Sex in the City*), David Bowie, Drew Barrymore, Freddie Murphy (*Queen*), Alan Cummings (actor), Kate Brown (governor of Oregon), Laura Nyro (folk singer), Kyrsten Sinema, Lou Reed (*Take a Walk on the Wild Side*), Amy Bloom (author), Oscar Wilde, Tennessee Williams, Virginia Wolff.

Next year, March is Bisexual Health Awareness Month. The health disparities for gay men and lesbians, as well as straight people, are significant.

Now that you know that you know about Celebrate Bisexuality Day, you can become an ally by celebrating it in your family, with your friends, and at your place of work.

For more information, check out the Facebook page for PFLAG Hayward/East Bay (<https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGHayward?fref=ts>).

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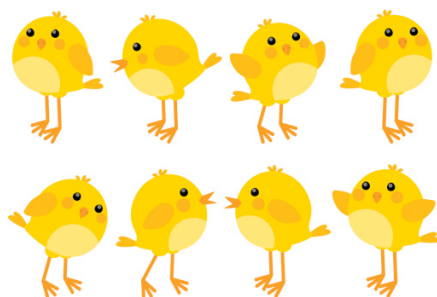
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## Sunnyslope Farm Events by Darryl and Renee Ray

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On Sept 12, we are one of the sites of a farm tour day through the Institute of Urban Homesteading. Interested folks can pick up the flyer from Darryl on Sundays, or go to <[iuhoakland.com](http://iuhoakland.com)>.



On Sept 19, we will be teaching a Raising Chickens for Beginners class at the Castro Valley Library. This is only one of several homesteading related classes they have for free over the weekend. Call the library for more info (510-667-7900).

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# General Assembly 2015 Report Part 2

## Statement of Conscience: Reproductive Justice

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by Beth Ogilvie

The 2015 General Assembly approved a Statement of Conscience (SOC) on Reproductive Justice and three Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs). These are now available on [uua.org](http://uua.org). Our own website <http://starrking.org/ga> has a summary of GA 2015 and links to various elements including the SOC and the AIWs. This is the second in a series of four articles we are publishing in the *Flaming Chalice*, one per month. The Statement of Conscience is reprinted in its entirety below.

### 2015 Statement of Conscience

As Unitarian Universalists, we embrace the reproductive justice framework, which espouses the human right to have children, not to have children, to parent the children one has in healthy environments and to safeguard bodily autonomy and to express one's sexuality freely. *The reproductive justice movement was founded at a time when the unique range of issues faced by women of color were not addressed by the predominantly white middle class women's rights and reproductive rights movements nor the predominantly male civil rights movement. Those issues have included forced sterilization, forced contraception, and higher rates of removal of children from families due to accusations of abuse or neglect. These issues, coupled with systemic racism, have frequently made parenting or co-parenting more difficult due to many factors, including but not limited to, discriminatory and unequal implementation of laws and incarceration rates, prohibitions imposed on people after incarceration, unjust immigration policies, and economic insecurity.*

Reproductive justice is the term created by women of color in 1994, to center the experience of the most vulnerable, and to bridge the gap between reproductive rights and other social justice movements. Some of these women helped to found SisterSong and have explained that the reproductive justice framework “represents a shift for women advocating for control of their bodies—from a narrower focus on legal access and individual choice...to a broader analysis of racial, economic, cultural, and structural constraints on [their] power. Reproductive justice addresses the social reality of inequality, specifically, the inequality of opportunities that [women of color] have to control [their] reproductive destiny.”[1] We as Unitarian Universalists declare that all people have the right to self-expression with regard to gender and sexuality and the right to live free from sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and exploitation including sexual and reproductive exploitation.

The reproductive justice movement envisions the liberation of people of all genders, sexual orientations, abilities, gender identities, ages, classes, and cultural and racial identities. Such liberation requires not only accurate information about sexuality and reproduction and control of personal reproductive decisions, but also living wages, safe and supported housing, high quality and comprehensive medical and reproductive health care, access to voting and the political process,

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affordable legal representation, fair immigration policies, paid parental leave, affordable childcare, and the absence of individual and institutional violence.

The world we envision includes social, political, legal, and economic systems that support everyone's freedom of reproductive choice and expression of gender identity and sexuality, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized. In such a world, all communities are places of equality, abundance and safety, free from violence, oppression, and hazardous environments. This world includes access to safe, affordable, and culturally and developmentally appropriate child care and health care. In our vision, everyone has access to accurate information about sexuality and family planning, and safe, healthy, and culturally sensitive reproductive health services.

Our faith tradition has a long history of progressive witness for freedom and justice. Soon after the merger of Universalism and Unitarianism, the new Association (1961) adopted statements in support of civil rights and the rights of women. In time, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations added advocacy for those facing oppression based on their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. We have offered sexuality education across the lifespan within our congregations, and have advocated for these beliefs in the public sphere.

As participants in the reproductive justice movement, Unitarian Universalists commit to follow the lead of, act in solidarity with, and be accountable to communities of color and other marginalized groups, using our positions of power to support those communities' priorities. Both those affected and their allies play important roles. Unitarian Universalists are laying the groundwork for the transformative power of multicultural organizing in partnership with reproductive justice organizations and leaders, looking for leadership from those most affected. We will use our position to speak loudly in the religious arena, as the religious voice has often been used to limit access to reproductive justice.

### **Theological Grounding**

As Unitarian Universalists we covenant to uphold our seven principles. The first, second and sixth principles are the most applicable to Reproductive Justice. We are all relational beings with varying abilities, preferences, and identities. Unitarian Universalism calls us to advocate for the positive expression of sexuality, including choices about reproduction and nurturing, and for a culture of respect and empowerment. Our commitment to our principles calls us to support and partner with oppressed communities as we work together to build the world we dream about. In order to embody our principles, we as Unitarian Universalists must listen to and follow the lead of those from the affected communities, especially women of color, and reach outside our cultural assumptions.

Unitarian Universalists support gender equity, positive sexuality, diverse sexual expression and the individual's right to make reproductive choices. Such choices are influenced by social and political systems as well as by factors such as racial/cultural identity, economic status, immigration/citizenship status, relationship with the justice system, health status, and ability. Our religious tradition directs us to respect the diversity of faith traditions that surround us and insists that no singular religious viewpoint or creed guide the policies of our governments.

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Our pluralistic congregations include diverse beliefs, backgrounds, and personal stories. Yet we unite in striving to live out the values and principles that call us to work for reproductive justice in spite of the complexities of the issues.

### **Actions**

We commit to putting our values into action, striving for equality and justice and honoring the rights, needs and choices of everyone. Affirming the interconnected web of life with justice for all people, we commit to undertake actions that could include the following.

#### **As individuals we can**

- Study reproductive justice issues, including sexuality, gender identity, classism, ableism, sexual violence, immigration, and racism.
- Seek to understand and take responsibility for our personal biases.
- Risk telling our own stories, and be willing to truly hear and trust the stories of others.
- Work to accept one's own body, sexuality, and abilities.
- Adopt spiritual practices that contribute to self-care.
- Advocate for reproductive justice and related issues through op-ed pieces, letters to the editor, letters and visits to legislators, and direct action.
- Volunteer with and/or provide financial support to organizations that provide reproductive health services at little or no cost, abortion clinics, women's shelters, and child and family community support centers.
- Protest violations of basic human rights, including sexual trafficking and the inhumane treatment of sex workers.
- Support reproductive health/abortion clinics that are experiencing intimidation and spiritual or physical violence.
- Effect positive change within our own social circles and professions.
- Support reproductive justice groups as active participants or accountable allies.
- Consider these issues when voting.
- Eliminate barriers (economic, educational, language, accessibility, etc.) to reproductive justice services.
- Provide leadership in our congregation and community on these issues.
- Contribute financially to organizations that advocate for reproductive justice issues, including the social determinants underlying racism, classism, sexism, ageism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, and other forms of oppression.
- Work to ensure equity and respect and eliminate discrimination and coercion for all participants in the adoption and foster care system.

#### **In our relationships we can**

- Respect all people and their decisions regarding reproduction, even those with whom we disagree.

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- Minister to one another around reproductive health and reproductive justice issues.
- Be sensitive to others' stories, respecting their life experiences and lived realities.
- Accept people of all abilities, identities, orientations, and generations as sexual beings.
- Accompany anyone wanting support (e.g., while seeking government assistance, in making decisions for their families about pregnancy and adoption, during abortions, and during childbirth).
  - Engage children and youth in dialogue and learning about sexuality and relationships in ways that respect their self-expression and contributions.
  - Seek and accept leadership from people most affected by reproductive injustice.
  - Believe the survivors who share their experience of sexual and/or interpersonal violence. Listen with compassion, offer support, and avoid victim-blaming language.

#### **In our congregations we can**

- Form a reproductive justice group, task force, committee, or interfaith coalition.
- Invite and consult with reproductive justice advocates and groups to share their understanding and expertise, and/or conduct reproductive justice trainings.
  - Connect religious professionals and lay leaders with organizations and networks that promote reproductive and economic justice and human rights.
  - Encourage religious professionals and lay leaders to participate in reproductive justice-related education and training.
- Provide ministry and pastoral care that is inclusive of all people and reproductive justice issues.
  - Offer worship, discussion, and small group ministry on reproductive justice issues.
  - Develop and promote congregational statements on reproductive justice.
  - Provide spaces, programs, and teaching for community groups working on reproductive justice issues.
- Provide education to children, youth and adults that are age, ability, and identity appropriate.
  - Engage children, youth, and adults in dialogue and learning about healthy sexuality and relationships in ways that respect their self-expression and contributions.
  - Join with state legislative ministry organizations and interfaith networks in their advocacy for reproductive rights or organize such advocacy.
  - Communicate reproductive justice information using the congregation's virtual community networks, newsletters, and orders of service.
  - Implement Safe Congregations guidelines and practices.
  - Continue Welcoming Congregation advocacy and education efforts related to gender and sexuality.

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- Reach out and participate in interfaith and secular work on racism, classism, gender and/or sexual health issues.
- Welcome breastfeeding in our shared spaces.

**As an Association we can**

- Publicly witness and advocate for sexual and reproductive justice in the US and around the world.
- Advocate for just legislation and policies and the rights of families and individuals at the state and federal levels.
- Advocate for comprehensive reproductive health services, including contraception, prenatal care, abortion, and infertility treatment.
- Advocate for the right to access comprehensive and medically accurate reproductive health information.
- Support UU state legislative ministry organizations in their work that supports reproductive justice.
- Provide curricula, resources, current information, and networking opportunities that congregations can use in their reproductive justice education and advocacy efforts.
- Collaborate with other faith-based and secular organizations working for reproductive justice and related issues, in order to build a stronger, more intersectional justice movement.
- Present reproductive justice workshops at district/regional, national, and international meetings.

**With open minds, helping hands, and loving hearts, we work toward reproductive justice, and commit to replacing insecurity with safety, fear with acceptance, judgment with love, and shame with compassion.**

**Footnote**

[1] From “Why is Reproductive Justice Important for Women of Color?” [on the SisterSong website.](#)

**Additional Information**

- [Statement of Conscience Handout \(PDF\)](#)
- ["Two Things Every UU Should Know About Reproductive Justice." \(PDF\)](#)



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# ***From the Search Committee***

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# ***We Want to Hear From You***

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*By Heidi Green*

September is the month where we ask who our congregants are and what you care about, so that we can find the right minister for our beloved community. Your contributions to this effort will be critical to attracting the right people to our church and to us posing the right questions to applicants, so we ask that you be thoughtful and complete in your responses to us.

We're going to give you two ways to provide feedback to us. We encourage you to take both routes, but just one is okay. A survey will be available the first week of September for you to fill out. It will be open through September 27. It's meant to be thorough, so give yourself time to fill it out. It will be available online and hard-copy. We will also bring laptops to church on September 6, 13, and 20 to help those who don't have computers or need some other technical support to answer online.

In addition to the surveys, there will be three focus groups you can sign up to attend:

- Thursday 9/10, 7:00-8:30 PM
- Saturday 9/12, 3:00-4:30 PM
- Sunday 9/20, 12:00-1:30 PM

Our intention with the focus groups and survey is to find out what is "the glowing coal at the center of Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church of Hayward." Consider what that is for you as you write and talk. You may decide you want to fill out the survey before you sit in community to discuss it, but you may decide you want to fill out the survey informed by that discussion. Follow your heart.

Also in September, the Search Committee will be filling out the **Congregational Record**--a detailed look at who we've been and what we've done over the years. Lots of statistics, but more than that too. Our Mistresses of the Record, Natalie Forrest and Karen Cook, may be knocking at your door if you are a holder of ancient (or not-so-ancient) information about our congregation.

The **Negotiating Team** has been selected: **Bob Simoni** from Search (with **Rebecca Parr** as back-up), **Bob Britton** from the Board, and **Stephanie Smith** from the congregation at large.

**Jennifer Koney (Search Chair) and Lu Middleton (Second Chair)** have applied for a workshop called *Beyond Categorical Thinking* for the committee and the congregation to take in the fall.

A **bulletin board** detailing everything going on will go up in early September, so you can see what exactly is happening in the moment, and who to talk to if you want to know more.

There's a lot moving, and a lot happening. If ever you have questions, remember, while we *cannot* tell you *who* we are talking to, we *will* tell you everything else, and we *do* want to hear what's important to you!

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## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

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<b><i>Anti-Racism Multicultural Alliance</i></b>	Meets the <b>FIRST WEDNESDAY</b> of the month from 7-8:30 PM in the conference room.
<b><i>Church Bookstore</i></b>	Open on the <b>THIRD SUNDAY</b> of the month, after the service
<b><i>Drum Circle</i></b>	Meets on the <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> 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.
<b><i>Evening Meditation</i></b>	Meets <b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b> of the month, from 7 to 8 PM. Come practice meditation and reap its benefits. Open to all.
<b><i>Starr King Elderberries</i></b>	Meets on the <b>THIRD WEDNESDAY</b> of the month, at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch. Come enjoy learning about and discussing topics of particular interest to <b>YOU!</b> Open to all self-identified elders.
<b><i>Social Justice Committee and Peace &amp; Justice Action Team</i></b>	Alternate meeting on the <b>SECOND SUNDAY</b> of the month following the service, at 12:00 noon, in the Conference Room. Open to all.
<b><i>Hospitality and Membership Committee</i></b>	Meets on the <b>THIRD SUNDAY</b> of the month, following the service, at 12:00 noon.
<b><i>Morning Discovery</i></b>	Meets on the <b>FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS</b> 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.
<b><i>Small Group Ministry</i></b>	Meets twice a month for a predetermined number of months. Registration is required. Contact <a href="mailto:sgm@starrking.org">sgm@starrking.org</a> for more information.
<b><i>SKIT (Starr King Improv Troupe)</i></b>	Meets on the <b>SECOND THURSDAY</b> of the month, at 7:30 PM. Open to all.
<b><i>Starr King Choir</i></b>	Rehearsals are set as needed. For information, contact Jo Murdach at 510-581-6794 or <jo71murdach@yahoo.com>.

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## ***Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church***

**Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

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### ***Board of Trustees***

**President:** Diana Dickerson

**Vice President:** Will Fitch

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### **Members At Large:**

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Betsy Dye

Stuart Fink

Kirk Klausmeyer

Sherry Thomas

### ***Positions***

Adult Religious Education: Vacant

Anti-Racism Multicultural Alliance: Regina  
Fassano

Buildings: Bobby Robinson

Chalice Editors: Kathryn LaMar; Allison Prout

Church Website: Beth Ogilvie

Committee Council: Will Fitch

Communications: Melody Appleton

FESCO Representative: Vacant

Finance Committee: Keith Lewis

Fundraising: Karen Cook

Green Sanctuary Committee: Colleen Saia

Grounds Care: Walt Korus

Hospitality/Membership: Dirk Dino

Interior: Sherry Thomas

Nominating Committee: Rebecca Parr

Pastoral Care: Karen Cook

Peace & Justice Action Team: Frank Burton

Religious Education Council: David Middleton

Social: Joyce Kinnear

Social Justice: Mary Swain

South Hayward Parish Representative:  
Terry Owen

Sunday Coffee: Roy Dickerson

Usher Coordinator: Lavon Hodges

Worship Committee: Glen Jacob