



## Newsletter

*Starr King  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church of  
Hayward, California*

**September 2017**

# THE FLAMING CHALICE

## Sunday Worship, 10:30am

**September Monthly Theme:**

Beloved Community / Spiritual Home

**Church Office Hours**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**  
**9:30am – 2:30pm**

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### **Sept. 3: Bread and Roses, Too**

**Rev. María Cristina and Bob Britton**

14th annual Labor Day Sunday Service: a celebration of the poetry and music of the Labor Movement. "Yes, *it is bread we fight for – but we fight for roses, too!*" We will reflect on Labor's struggle for time to enjoy the beauty of life.

### **Sept. 10: Water Ceremony**

**Rev. María Cristina** leads us in starting the church year with our traditional UU water ceremony. This is a special in-gathering service to express our joy and gratitude for the gifts each of us brings to the Beloved Community. If you can, please bring some water from a place that inspires you and refreshes your soul: a stream, lake, ocean, or even your own tap water!

### **Sept. 17: Beloved Community**

Join us as we reflect on our [Mission and Vision](#) as a welcoming congregation. How are we doing? What are we doing? How do we honor our covenant to foster respect and compassion for all people and a reverence for nature? Moving forward, how do we support one another in our search for spiritual and religious meaning and are committed to working for justice in the larger community? **Rev. María Cristina** leads.

**September 24: Lay-led Service, TBA**

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## September Birthdays

2 Mary Lasack  
3 Andrew Lasack-Chappel  
3 Olivia Kiesling  
6 Daniel Hitchings  
8 Michelle Lovett-Fink  
9 Ruth Hultman-DeSmidt

9 Linda Miyoshi  
11 Marilyn Mosher  
13 Liz Macera  
14 Kirk Smith  
15 Terri Owen  
17 Mary Ann Davis

18 Rev. María Cristina Vlassidis Burgoa  
20 Carey Sanchez-Para  
28 Allison Fink  
29 Donnie Rett



## Wheel of Life



- **Jo Murdach** is recuperating nicely from a hip replacement.
- **Keith and Mileva Lewis** are settled in their new home.
- **Heidi Green** is cured of Hepatitis C.

# Board Chair's Report

## August Report from the Board of SKUUC

After a busy summer, we're about to start our 2017/2018 church year. **Rev. María Cristina** has returned from her vacation and study leave, and it's great to have her back among us!

There is a lot of news from the Board this month, take a look:

- Great news from our treasurer, **Marilyn Mosher**: we managed to generate a **\$20,000+ surplus** in our budget for 2016/2017! Many thanks to those whose donations and fundraisers put us over the top in such a healthy manner!
- By the time you read this, the oak trees that overhang our neighbors' yards on Reyna Drive will have been trimmed. It happened on August 25<sup>th</sup>, and we have the inimitable **Bob Britton** to thank for getting it done.
- **Jennifer Koney** has recruited volunteers for the "fundraising think tank." The members are **Keith Lewis, Karen Cook, Nancy Harrison, Jennifer**, and **Rev. María Cristina**. That is a creative power team, and we are looking forward to their ideas for innovative fundraising.
- Congratulations are in order to the **Personnel Committee** and **Sherry Thomas**, the Board liaison to that committee for hiring an amazing accompanist for the coming year! Everyone who heard her play knew she was right for us and, fortunately, she thought so too!
- The **Committee on Ministry (COM)** reported to the Board that they are continuing their recruitment of members, with the process nearly complete. Once they have filled their ranks, they will define their responsibilities, which are primarily focused on supporting the minister. More to come from the COM once they have formed their team.
- The schedule for the **Committee Council** meetings has been set: the first one for this church year will be on **Tuesday October 17 from 7:00-9:00pm**. It will be every three months after that on:

2018: January 16, April 17, July 17, and October 16

2019: January 15, April 16

In service,

Will Fitch, President

Bob Britton

Roy Dickerson

Jennifer Koney, Vice President

Heidi Green

Sherry Thomas

Frank Burton, Secretary

Kirk Klausmeyer

Rev. María Cristina

Marilyn Mosher, Treasurer

Mary Lou Schuler

# Labor Day Special

## The Story of Bread and Roses, by **Bob Britton**

Many of us know the song "Bread and Roses" set to music and recorded by Mimi Farina in the 1970s. Still more of us know the song in our hymnal, #109 "As We Come Marching, Marching," the lyrics of which are based on the 1911 poem "Bread and Roses" by James Oppenheim. It was inspired by Rose Schneiderman, a Polish Jewish immigrant who became a leading feminist, suffragist, and union leader. Her speech may have been the first reference to the Bread and Roses rallying cry:

*"What the woman who labors wants is the right to live, not simply exist – the right to life as the rich woman has the right to life and the sun and music and art. You have nothing that the humblest worker has not a right to have also. The worker must have bread, but she must have roses, too."*

The poem "Bread and Roses" has long been associated with the [Lawrence Mill Strike](#). In 1912, nearly 30,000 textile workers - mostly immigrants - walked off their jobs in Lawrence, Massachusetts. The workers, many teenage girls, carried banners demanding both living wages and dignity: "We want bread, and roses, too." This slogan gave the work stoppage its name, the Bread and Roses Strike. The strike was successful and a key part of the ongoing 8-hour workday movement.

Our Labor Day Sunday service on September 3 will celebrate the art of struggle and liberation with music and poetry readings.



Rose Schneiderman



Mill Strikers

*Yes, it is bread we fight for – but we fight for roses, too!  
As we come marching, marching, we bring the greater days.  
The rising of the women means the rising of the race.  
No more the drudge and idler – ten that toil where one reposes, but a sharing of life's glories:  
Bread and roses! Bread and roses!*

# RE Reflections

## What Gifts Will You Bring?

Welcome back, I hope you feel as rejuvenated by your summer break as I do! There is a lot new happening this year in RE and it's very exciting, indeed! In response to feedback from our RE teachers and assistants, we have decided to make some changes that we believe will make RE more connected to the larger congregation, and offer more depth and fun for the children and youth.

The cornerstones of our new program are **Theme-Based Ministry and Workshop Rotations**. We will incorporate monthly themes into our worship services which will carry over into our classroom. Essentially, we will continue to use the summer Funshop model throughout the year but the workshops will be tied to our monthly themes. Following are some of the changes you can expect to see in the upcoming months:

- Monthly worship theme will be explored in services and RE workshops.
- One Main Story related to the theme will be reiterated throughout the month.
- One Hymn or Song related to the theme will be reiterated throughout the month.
- One Faith Tradition will be focused on each month.
- Workshops relating to the monthly theme will replace traditional RE classes and might include:

**Music & Song**   **Arts & Crafts**   **Gardening & Building**   **Drama & Improvisation**  
**Technology & Science**   **Social Justice & Service**   **Meditation & Yoga**

You have all been so generous sharing your gifts over the summer. I think you will agree that continuing to work together throughout the year will further unify and strengthen our community. I would like you to consider what gifts you might like to share with the children and youth. Members of the RE Council may approach you to discuss workshops that may appeal to your talents.

I will host an **Orientation on October 1st** to explain details and answer any questions you may have. Please mark your calendars and join us for **Soup, Sundaes & Sharing: Sunday, October 1st 2017 from 12:00 – 1:00pm**.

To learn more about our new program ideology, check out this link [Theme-Based Church and the RE Workshop Rotation Model: Putting it Together](#).

In Faith,

**Allison Prout, DRE**





Thanks to the following for keeping the children entertained with Summer Funshops. We appreciate your help and commitment!

☺ Bob Meyerson   ☺ Colleen Dino   ☺ Donnie Rett   ☺ Emily Watkins  
☺ Jo & Al Murdach   ☺ Lorie Miller   ☺ Michelle Lovett & Torsten Fink  
☺ Roy & Diana Dickerson   ☺ Stuart Fink   ☺ Walt Korus & Lavon Hodges

And to Lea Casini & Laurie Matthews for organizing!



Summer of Love service featured the vocal talents (and fab outfits!) of Bob Simoni, Ray Oducayen, Ruth Hultman Desmidt, William Desmidt, Jennifer Koney, Deborah Gallegos, Lea Casini, and Jo Murdoch.

Thanks for your hard work and wonderful sense of fellowship and fun!

Bob and Sandy Simoni hosted the winners of the Italian dinner from the last service auction at their home on Saturday August 26. Lavon Hodges, Walt Korus, Marge Schwab and daughter Sylvia, Rev. María Cristina and mother Lily, and Lea Cassini all attended and helped raise \$840 for Starr King! Molto bellissima!



# Adult Religious Education

In the spring of 2016, the congregation voiced a strong interest in wanting to gain a deeper understanding of our Unitarian faith. The Adult RE Committee appreciates **Karen Cook**, who provided a resource from the UUA website: [Tapestry of Faith](#). This will serve as the foundation for six educational sessions held at Starr King and facilitated by UU clergy. Our own **Rev. María Cristina Vlassidis Burgoa** will run the first session.

## September 17, 12:00pm: **Theology and Worship**

*"It behooves us to be careful what we worship for what we are worshipping we are becoming."* Emerson

- Consider UU approaches to theological constructs
- Reflect on the diversity of theology within Unitarian Universalism
- Identify the parts of worship that are most personally meaningful
- Deepen your experience of congregational worship through increased knowledge about its elements



## October 15, 12:00pm: **Where do we come from? Unitarian Universalist Roots**

*"Universalists are often asked where they stand. The only true answer to give to this question is that we do not stand at all, we move."* Lewis Beals Fisher, late 19th-century Universalist theologian

- Recognize a few Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist historical figures
- Understand Unitarian Universalist roots in - and breaks from - orthodox Christianity
- Note theological shifts in Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist perspectives through time
- Hear a story about our own congregation's history



The **Adult Religious Education Committee** meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room. Please join us!

Diane Meyerson, Kathryn Lemar, Shelia McClellan, Ethel May Shaw, and Mileva Saulo Lewis

# Announcements



## Welcome our New Pianist!

Please help us welcome our new pianist, Linli Wang. Linli is an exceptionally gifted musician who graduated from the Berklee School of Music in Boston. She has worked with UU churches and most recently with the Arlington UU Church in Boston.

## Labor Day Janitorial Service

There will be **no janitorial service** from September 2nd – 10th. PLEASE try to be extra tidy during the week of Labor Day.

## Fall Kickoff BBQ

Please come to the Fall Kickoff BBQ sponsored by the RE Council on **Sunday September 10** after church, 12:00 – 3:00. A potluck sign-up sheet is in the back of the foyer. Please note the new location this year is **Don Castro Regional Recreation Area** at 22400 Woodroe Avenue, Hayward. Please contact **David Middleton** with any questions: 925-216-9650.

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for one or two people to chair or co-chair the **Interior Committee**. Interior Chair **Sherry Thomas** has been part of the committee for more years than anyone can count (YAY SHERRY!!!), and she deserves to take a break and move on to something else.

The Interior Committee actively works to create and maintain a safe, sustainable, and aesthetically pleasing and well supplied church interior - and there are no meetings! You can find a more detailed description of responsibilities - and our other committees and service groups - on the church website.

Please contact Sherry if you want to get involved: [sherrthom1@gmail.com](mailto:sherrthom1@gmail.com).

## Sunday Coffee Sign-ups Needed

You can sign up individually or as a committee to help with Sunday Coffee set-up, refreshments, or clean-up. Please get in touch with **Roy Dickerson** for more information. Let's make this happen!



## Website News

There's a [handy new section on the website](#) where church committees can provide links to content they maintain on their personal computers. To have your link appear, please send the web address (URL) to Nancy Harrison. And don't forget that you can learn about using the website with [these easy tutorials!](#)

## Raise Money for Starr King Register for eScrip and Shop Locally

We get 3% of your total purchases at:

- Lucky
- Food Maxx
- Save Mart
- Black Angus, 15800 Hesperian Boulevard, San Lorenzo
- Ghazni Afghan Kabobs, 1235 A Street, Hayward

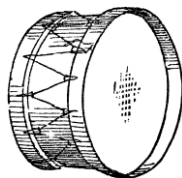
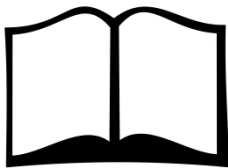
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<https://www.luckysupermarkets.com/rewards/my-rewards#Account>.

Then anytime you use that phone number when you make your purchase at Lucky, Starr King will get credit.

## Try something new this autumn! Ongoing Activities

Church Bookstore	Open on the third Sunday of the month, after the service
Drum Circle	First Friday of the month, 7 – 9pm, in the Sanctuary. For adults and mature kids.
Evening Meditation	Every Wednesday, 7:30 – 8:45pm. Open to all.
Elderberries	Third Wednesday of the month, at noon. For self-identified elders. Bring your lunch.
Small Group Ministry	Contact <a href="mailto:sgm@starrking.org">sgm@starrking.org</a> for more information.
SKIT Improv Troupe	Second Thursday of the month, 7:30pm. Open to all.



# Starr King Church Calendar

For details about these activities, go to [www.starrking.org/calendar](http://www.starrking.org/calendar) and hover your cursor over an event.

<b>September 2017</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:30am Worship Service  12:15pm Hospitality & Membership	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Rainbow Group LGBT NA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:15pm SGM  7:30pm Evening Meditation	<b>7</b> 7pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>8</b> 10am Safety  7pm Drumming Circle	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:30am Nominating Committee  10:30am Worship Service  12pm Fall BBQ Kickoff Party	<b>11</b> 6:30pm Rainbow Group LGBT NA	<b>12</b> 11am Adult RE	<b>13</b> 12pm Staff Meeting  12pm SGM  3pm Pastoral Care Committee  7:30pm Evening Meditation	<b>14</b> 7:30pm SKIT	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:30am Worship Service  12pm Adult RE  12pm Church Bookstore Open	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Rainbow Group LGBT NA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12pm Elders Meeting  7:15pm SGM  7:30pm Evening Meditation	<b>21</b> 7pm Worship Committee	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30am Worship Service  12pm Peace & Action Team  12:15pm Hospitality & Membership	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Rainbow Group LGBT NA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12pm Staff Meeting  12pm SGM  7:30pm Evening Meditation	<b>28</b> 7pm ARMCA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>