



# The Flaming Chalice

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Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church | July 2021 Newsletter



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Due to COVID19 shelter in place orders, the church office is closed until further notice. Kelli is working from home and can still be reached via

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## JULY THEME: PLAY

### JULY 4

#### Sing Along

Join in the singing with our wonderful Choir Director, Linli Wang and singers Lea Casini and Mary Lou Schuler, with Bob Meyerson on banjo and Ray Oducayen on guitar.  
*Service led by Linli Wang*

### JULY 11

#### Environmental Justice through an Intersectional Lens

Tony Green, Guest Speaker. The fights against climate change and racial injustice are deeply intertwined. Climate change and racial injustice share the same roots and have to be addressed together. The transition to a low-carbon future is connected to workers' rights, land use, and how people are treated.

*Service led by Claudia McDonagh*

### JULY 18

#### Sacred Dance Meditations

Throughout human history, people all over the world have recognized dance as an age-old yet timeless connection to Spirit. In celebration, to mark moments of change, and in times of despair, dance has been used to seek the Divine, connect with the Earth, and call into being the sacred energy we each possess within ourselves. Dance can be an active style of meditative practice, offering us powerful regenerative healing and a new way to awaken.

*Service led by Carla Walter*

### JULY 25

#### Play as Spiritual Practice

We are never too young to play. In fact we are playing more than we think. Play keeps us balanced in life. There are so many ways we can play. I will redefine play to its basics so that all of us are living in a less stressed life.

*Service led by Lorie Miller*

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# June Highlights





# SoUUlful Family Ministry

## June Highlights

### Happy Heart Circle Time:

Summer is here!! Hello, Father Sun. This month we celebrated the importance of family and how we care for each other. Like the spider from "The Spider and the Ladybug," we can create a safety net so that none of our loved ones feels scared.

### SoUUlful Family Ministry's science camp has begun!

Our scientists are earning science badges for each science experiment they do. Our young scientists proudly wear their badges on their personalized lab coats. Super Star Scientists... I SALUTE you!!!

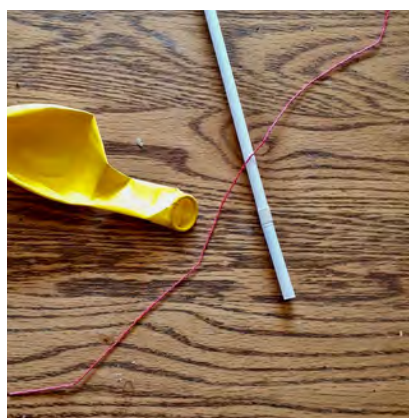
Did you know that you can make a rocket with just string, a straw and balloon. 3-2-1 BLAST OFF!!! Rice are very good dancers when you put them in a solution of baking soda and vinegar. Puffy balls can float with the help of Bernoulli's principle (air pressure). The big question our super star scientists will be asking themselves all summer is, "What if..." Lots of fun exploring science!

### Gratitude:

Lea and Lavon for delivering our projects bags to the families.

Roy Dickerson: My go to Science Guy for consultation

-Lorene Miller



# Small Group Ministry

Small Group Ministry will continue to meet virtually throughout the Summer.

SGM meets once a month and topics are suggested by group members. Past topics have included: Aging Resilience, Anti-Semitism, Anger and Rage, Future, Flowers, LovingKindness, Humility, and more.

The July meeting will be on THURSDAY, July 22, at 7:15 PM.

If you are interested in participating in SGM, please contact Will Fitch, who will send you the zoom link: [will.f@comcast.net](mailto:will.f@comcast.net)



# *Regathering in Person*

## **Care for All – No One Left Behind**

### **On 29 August 2021 we will gather for In-person and Virtual Worship**

Out of an abundance of caution, and a belief in our values and science, The Board of Trustees at its meeting of 1 July affirmed that we would Regather for in-person and virtual worship on Sunday, 29 August 2021.

The following will continue to guide our work.

- Values of: Love, Inclusion, justice, safety, and to do no harm
- Protect the vulnerable among us - We will not contribute to community spread of COVID-19
- Belief in Good Science – continue to review new information for spikes and new CDC Guidelines
- Full transparency about our decision making process
- Deep listening

### **To that end, we will:**

- Encourage those who can be vaccinated, to do so
- Gather with a special Blessing Ceremony
- Require masks for all persons who attend in-person worship
- There will be no food or beverages after church
- Provide Hand sanitizer
- Sing wearing masks

**There is no simple, easy way, or perfect way to navigate this uncharted territory. To prepare ourselves for Regathering, we will during the next few months:**

- Be patient with “glitches” and not expect perfection
- Review UUA guidelines and suggestions for high quality multi-platform worship
- Explore new equipment, personnel, etc. to maintain quality virtual and in-person worship
- Hear your ideas for worship as we return
- Do a deep cleaning of our internal space and the building’s exterior – including removing unsightly furniture, etc.



# Regathering in Person

## Care for All – No One Left Behind

Stay tuned for Project Teams to share the tasks of creating a welcome space for our return.

Please direct any questions to President, Roy Dickerson ([royhdesk@gmail.com](mailto:royhdesk@gmail.com)) and/or Vice-President Mileva Saulo Lewis ([milevalewis@comcast.net](mailto:milevalewis@comcast.net)).

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on 1 July 2021.

## CONSENT: MASK EDITION!



# Ongoing Activities

All in-person activities done virtually or on hold until further notice.  
Please check the website at [starrking.org](http://starrking.org) for updates.

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<b>Evening Meditation</b>	Every Wednesday, 7:00–8:30pm on Zoom. Open to all. Contact: Diane Meyerson
<b>Small Group Ministry</b>	Contact <a href="mailto:sgm@starrking.org">sgm@starrking.org</a> for more information.
<b>Board Meeting</b>	First Thursday of the month, 7–9pm on Zoom. Open to all. Contact: Roy Dickerson
<b>Peace and Justice Action Team</b>	Usually the second Sunday of the month after worship but not always, so check the church calendar and the announcements email to confirm.
<b>Family Storytime</b>	<b>(On hold)</b> Every Monday 6:30pm on Zoom. Contact: Dr. Rev. María Cristina
<b>Adult RE</b>	<b>(On hold)</b> Second Tuesday of the Month from 11–12 noon on Zoom Contact: Mileva Saulo Lewis
<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>(On hold)</b> Meets every Sunday from 9–10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Lea Casini

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## July Birthdays

**July 1**  
Daniel Casini

**July 3**  
Jo Murdach

**July 4**  
Will Fitch

**July 7**  
Liz Nelson

**July 9**  
Jim Otermat

**July 15**  
Evelyn Cormier

**July 19**  
Corina Vasaure

**July 21**  
Jessica Ringlein-Doerr

**July 26**  
Lillian Carrell

**July 27**  
Laurie Matthews

**July 28**  
Natalie Forrest

**July 30**  
Barbara Ryan  
Thana Ray  
Jessica Schuler