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JUNE 5

Endings, Beginnings, and Transitions, Part I

As we approach the end of our shared ministry and the congregation prepares to welcome a new Interim Minister, we are invited to reflect on this in-between time and honor our shared journey.

Rev. Maria Cristina leads.

JUNE 12

Pride

Junior Worship Associates Nayela and Mireya Reynoso join Rev. Maria Cristina in celebrating Pride. You are invited to wear your rainbow colors!

JUNE 19

Endings, Beginnings, and Transitions, Part II

On Rev. Maria Cristina's last Sunday in the pulpit, we celebrate six years of shared ministry.

Rev. Maria Cristina leads.

JUNE 26: 9:30 Pacific

Covenant & Creed

Join us for the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. This powerful, communal worship experience will stream on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at **9:30 Pacific**. Members of the public are welcome to view the service. Rev. Gretchen Haley, Senior Minister of the Foothills Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Collins, CO will lead the 2022 Sunday Service at GA. Additional worship team members include Rev. Sean Neil-Barron and Shari Halliday-Quan.

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Announcements

25th Annual FESCO Shuffle

June 11

Moreau Catholic High School

Starr King has supported FESCO for many years. They keep local families together in times of homelessness and provide counseling, training, linkage to housing and employment opportunities, and alumni support. The annual Shuffle raises funds and awareness for their important work.

Contact Kathryn LaMar with any questions.



Help Kids Like Louie

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE 2022 FESCO SHUFFLE

CAN YOU DONATE TODAY TO HELP HOMELESS
KIDS LIKE LOUIE AT [FESCOSHUFFLE.ORG](https://fescoshuffle.org) ?

FESCO SHUFFLE WALK AND CLOSING CEREMONY JUNE 11, 2022

Moreau Catholic High School
27170 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94541



Pets are not allowed
at this event.

8:00- Registration opens- coffee and donuts
8:50- FESCO announcements
9:15- Opening ceremonies
10:00- Walk begins/ Band /Kid Zone open
10:30- Taiko Drummers
11:00- Lunch, raffle and prize giveaway
12:00- Final announcement and closing

Make sure to show your FESCO Shuffle spirit!
We will recognize team with the most:

- Pictures with walkers
- Pictures with pets
- Pictures submitted
- Funds raised

Please send all submissions to Stephanie Miller @
smiller@fescofamilyshester.org before May 31st

Peace and Justice Action Team

Meeting Agenda: June 12, 2022 (Selected notes)

If possible, prior to the meeting please review this website regarding the updating of the City of Hayward's Climate Action Plan and General Plan:

<https://haywardhousingandclimateupdate.com/>

I. Welcome All!

II. Chalice Lighting

III. Gratitudes: MANY THANKS to Bob Britton for his efforts, passion, and coordination for the Justice in Our Jails Protest Vigil on May 24.

IV. Guest: Erik Pearson, City of Hayward, Environmental Services Manager, Public Works & Utilities Department

The City of Hayward is updating its Climate Action Plan and we're also creating a new Environmental Justice Element of our General Plan and is looking for input from members of our congregation.

Discussion with group input.

Action Areas presented by Action Leads:

- a. Updates
- b. Actions to consider (our committee; for the Congregation; and/or beyond our walls) and why
- c. Antiracism Aspect

Climate Justice

- a. Federal
- b. State: Update on state climate legislation; methane leaks in S. CA
- c. Who can meet with Assembly Member Bill Quirk?
- d. Local: Jennifer Koney will present her climate activism story and artwork
- e. The Castro Valley Library is hosting a panel discussion on climate activism

Community Partnerships

Indigenous Solidarity

V. Other

VI. Reflections, gratitudes, and closing.

Full agenda can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xlait-IPBubM91NfVZgNBFgmQVvGdrPVbHiM5jqJzK/edit?usp=sharing>

Peace and Justice Action Team

PJAT MOVIE NIGHT

EARTH EMERGENCY

JUNE 10, 7-9PM VIA ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9796339783?pwd=ZmhFOtA1T0JRa3JvV0ZzZDVkd1VUUT09>

This revealing film examines how human activity is setting off dangerous warming loops that are pushing the climate to a point of no return--and what we need to do to stop them. With captivating illustrations, stunning footage and interviews with leading climate scientists as well as support from Greta Thunberg. 'Earth Emergency' adds the missing piece of the climate puzzle.

PJAT will send a reminder email with the same link a few days before the movie night.

You can click [here](#) to join the movie night at 7pm on Friday June 10th.

EARTH EMERGENCY

A large, jagged iceberg floats in the ocean. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The water is dark blue with some ripples. The text 'EARTH EMERGENCY' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font.

SoUllful Family Ministry

May Highlights

Sharing thoughts...

“What Just Happened Here?”

I witnessed two young children understanding the process of honoring one another with dignity.

Scenario...

We were opening up our circle by chiming a musical instrument, the triangle. Ramona called out first, “My turn”, but Olly was first to grab the instrument. Ramona told him several times that it was her turn first. She called it. He did not relinquish the triangle, his reasoning was he reached for it first, therefore it was his turn. Olly tried to chime the triangle. He was unsuccessful. He was holding it incorrectly and only got a muted sound. Ramona attempted couple of times to reach for it, but Olly pulled back and continued to be unsuccessful at chiming it.

Ramona then said, “if you let me have my turn I can show you how to ring it.” Olly paused for a moment, thought, and handed the triangle over to her. Ramona held it by the string and chimed it. Afterwards, handed it back to Olly, where he had his turn and was able to do it! Both were happy.

What did we observe? Children learning to trust, respect one another, develop a compromise, create an agreement and problem solve where both benefited. Remarkable. It is also another example of how two people can have the same experience, have opposite opinions, both being right, and still work out a satisfying solution.

Happy Heart Circle Time

We spent this month exploring the importance of community and the value of creativity. Creativity is a product of a unique friendship between our brain and heart. We used that special “friendship”, and created solutions to a problem.

The children were presented with a challenge while understanding the importance of community. The challenge was, a little bird was very thirsty and could not reach the water in the glass. The children were each given a rock and asked how can we, as a community,



SoUllful Family Ministry

May Highlights (cont.)

help the bird. They came up with several ideas, making a rock latter, a rock bridge, a rock slide and.....Can you all think of the third?

Let's not forget our community pizza. We all contributed to it in one way or another. Best snack ever!!

Family Project Time

The projects supported the themes this month. Using their creativity, the children were given a handful of pipe cleaners and asked to use that "special friendship" and make something, (I did not provide a demo for this one. They were all on their own)

Another challenge was to get a styrofoam ball into the cup without using our hands. The children were given tools, two popsicle sticks, a pipe cleaner and tape. We came up with at least 3 different ways. For Mother's Day, renaming it to People Who Love Us Day, made art from our heart and finally we played Balloon Bongo, using paper plate paddles, (representing community), keeping the balloon from falling to the ground.

We did a project representing how our hearts feel when we are a part of a loving community...bubbly

Community Garden

Our garden is growing and growing, just like our children. We harvest our first crop, radishes. I will admit, this was not a popular food for our snack. Thank goodness we had a back up of cheese and crackers, though the children did enjoy pulling the radishes out from the ground. Come, visit and eat a radish. LOL.

Class Room Updates

Our classroom is always evolving. We introduced sewing. The children made small "stiffies", (very small pillows) and draw sting bags. We are offering a free art space where the children can freely use available art supplies, different mediums and embrace the joy of creativity.



SoUULful Family Ministry

May Highlights (cont.)

Gratitude

I am so, so, so grateful for those who have shared their time with SoUULful Family Ministry. Lavon, Star King's Garden Group, Kelly H., Amy P. Donnie R. Laurie M., Diane M. and Lea C. Thank-you!!!!



Ongoing Activities

Starr King welcomes all church interest groups and committees to meet in-person at the church either inside or outside the facility. If your group has been meeting by Zoom, it June continue to do so, by discretion of the group. All groups meeting in-person on the Church grounds should continue to observe COVID safety protocols by:

- Wearing masks
- Practicing social distancing
- Refraining from serving and sharing refreshments

We applaud your continued participation in SKUUC activities.

Evening Meditation	First Thursday of the month, 7:00–8:30pm, every Wednesday after, 7:00–8:30pm, on Zoom. Open to all. Contact: Diane Meyerson
Small Group Ministry	Contact sgm@starrking.org for more information.
Board Meeting	First Wednesday of the month, 7:30 on Zoom. Open to all. Contact: Roy Dickerson
Peace and Justice Action Team	Second Sunday of the month after worship (after a 15-20 minute break) in a hybrid model via Zoom using the same link as the service.
Starr King Singers	Sundays before the service from 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Adult RE	(On hold) Second Tuesday of the Month from 11–12 noon on Zoom Contact: Mileva Saulo Lewis
Choir Practice	(On hold) Meets every Sunday from 9–10:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Lea Casini



June Birthdays

June 1

Robin Fink

June 5

Rene G. Castle

June 9

Bethany Salway

June 11

Colleen Dino

June 18

Diane Meyerson

June 24

David Baker

Keith Lewis

June 26

Drake Otermat

June 30

Claudia McDonagh