



THE FLAMING CHALICE

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY WORSHIP THEME:

"Bells of Freedom" this month we explore liberation in many forms

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SERVICE AUCTION FEB. 25

BOARD NEWS

The Facilities Use Policy was modified to include a nonrefundable \$50 fee. This fee is to be used to insure that facilities are thoroughly cleaned and ready for use after events.

The Board approved the formation of a work group to develop a proposal for a video system for the sanctuary.

The Board and the Committee on Ministry held a day long retreat on Saturday, January 25. The focus of the day was to develop a working plan which integrates our shared ministry with the expressed desires of the members for the future of Starr King.

FEBRUARY SERVICE PREVIEWS

February 5, The Distortion of Freedom

Led by Rev. Robert Latham, pulpit guest

Community, democracy, and freedom are all values we UUs proclaim as endemic to our religious movement. So why do we have such trouble holding them in comfortable embrace? Today we'll clarify what freedom might really mean when nestled in the context of both community and democracy.

February 12, Standing on the Side of Love

Led by Rev. Sonya Sukalski, pulpit guest

Intergenerational Service

How can we take our faithful commitment to LGBTQ equality to the next level now that marriage equality is in the courts, and Don't Ask Don't Tell has been repealed? This intergenerational service will inspire and ignite your family's engagement for the next steps.

February 19, Henrietta Lacks Legacy to You

Led by Rev. Sonya Sukalski, pulpit guest

Henrietta Lacks contributed immeasurably to modern medicine, but many don't know her amazing story of immortality. Come learn how a young African-American woman who died in 1951 still influences of our daily life in the 21st century.

February 26, The Fifth Freedom

Led by Rev. Wayne Arnason, pulpit guest

Back in 1941, President Roosevelt described the four freedoms Americans must defend and protect. Yet, today I am suspicious that the social icon of freedom has become a false god in our lives. Join us to



SKUU BOARD NEWS²

By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President



February greetings! I always enjoy February, a rather whimsical month of Aquarians and Pisceans that is leaping this year to a 29th day. February celebrates the mysterious prognostication of the Groundhog, the sturdy virtues of Presidents Lincoln and Washington, the romantic (if historically unattested) honoring of St. Valentine. February is named for the Latin term “februum,” meaning purification, in reference to the purification ritual Februa held on February 15th (full moon) on the lunar Roman calendar. January and February were added as the calendar’s last months by Numa, second King of Rome, in 713 B.C. February would remain the calendar’s last month until about 450 B.C., when it became the second month.

For us at Starr King, February comes directly after the annual Board of Trustees/Committee on Ministry Retreat, which gives these two important church bodies time to reconnoiter together and consider how best to serve our congregational mission and prepare for the coming year(s). If you’re curious about what happened at this retreat, feel free to buttonhole anyone on either the Board or the COM and quiz them!

February is also the month of our Bi-Annual Service Auction, which will be held on Saturday the 25th. This is our congregations’ biggest single fund-raising event, so wide participation is important. Have you pledged any goods or services for the auction yet? There are lots of things to offer: a special theme-dinner that you’ll cook for a certain number of people; a special cake or garment or service that your aesthetic flair will make special. Don’t feel creative? Many more prosaic services are popular too, like a ride to the airport for 1 or more people – all you need for this is a Driver’s License and an alarm clock!! If you would like to participate (you would!) but need inspiration, talk to this year’s Service Auction coordinator Sherry Thomas or to any member of the Board.

Then, of course, come to the Service Auction on February 25th with checkbook in hand!

Finally, be sure to look at your Flaming Chalice to find out about the special worship services we’ll have in this second month of our four-month Minister’s Sabbatical period. We have interesting offerings and gifted speakers and you won’t want to miss them.

Be well, and enjoy this month of ancient purification and the leaping year, oracular groundhogs and love.





By Religious Exploration

Irene Stefanko Director of Religious Exploration

If you come into the area where the children get together for Religious Exploration, you'll see oodles of pots containing flower bulbs just wakening in anticipation of Spring. The children planted these enormous flower seeds in order to watch them sprout, grow and ultimately erupt into flowers perhaps as large as their heads. Over the last month, the children have also been learning about another kind of cultivation --- cultivation of their humanity.. They have been talking about how peace, justice and compassion grow when we plant the seeds of kindness, fairness and love. They've been exploring the idea that we should treat all people kindly, fairly and with compassion. Or said, another way, they are exploring the second principle that is Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Just as small leathery leaves peeked from the 'seeds' in the pots on the sill in the classroom, the children noticed how the little acts of kindness that they had planted throughout the week sometimes spouted into peace. They thought about the relationship between fairness and justice through the lens of the life of Martin Luther King. And, then they put their learning into practice; when they collected and packaged school supplies for FESCO. FESCO will, in turn, distribute the supplies to those who need them. By gathering the needed school supplies, the children planted seeds of kindness and fairness that may grow into peace and justice right here in Hayward. And, the seeds of love watered by the their acts of kindness and fairness may someday blossom within them into compelling, life-affirming compassion.

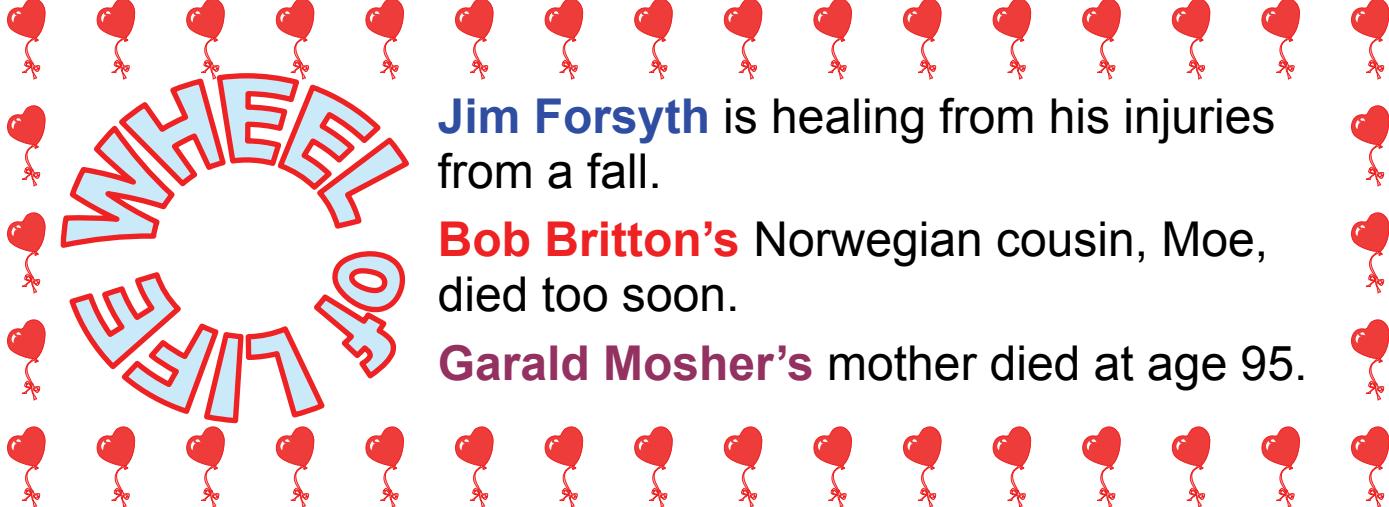
RE HAPPENINGS FOR FEBRUARY Preschool and School Age:

DATE	ACTIVITY
FEB. 5	Let's celebrate!! The extraordinary beauty of our uniqueness!
FEB. 12	Let's learn together!! There will also be a family adventure later in the day.
FEB. 19	Practicing the art of learning together and loving one another!
FEB. 26	Planning the Youth/Children's Worship Service

Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Dick Albert	16	Lee Berger
8	Ellery Medilla	19	Meredith Schuler
8	Andy Hansen	19	Alison Corson
13	Bill DeSmidt	24	Eric Gable



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, February 25 Service Auction

Saturday, April 7 - Passover Seder Potluck
Join us for this Family-friendly Religious Festival
Watch for Sign-up Sheet on Table in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 28. Next Circle Supper

Enjoy a small group (6 to 10) potluck dinner at a member's home.
 Come and have a delightful evening of conversation and food.

New members and friends are especially welcome.

Sign-up Sheet on Table in Fellowship Hall

More Fun Than You Have Had In A Long Time!⁵

SKUU SERVICE AUCTION

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25, 2012

SKUU'S MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER

Can't Think of a Service to Offer?

Check out These Suggestions

Arts/Crafts

I will paint/decorate one piece of furniture for you.
Made to order afghan
Photographs of family
Silk flower arrangements made to order.
Hand-made jewelry

Lessons/Classes

3 hours of tutoring
4 hours of computer assistance
Music lessons

Professional Services

Career counseling sessions
Tune up and oil change
Interior design consultation
1 hour professional massage
Babysitting
Pet sitting
Financial planning services

Food and Goodies

Two loaves of fresh bread every month
One dozen muffins each month.
Specialty baskets.
Meals brought to your home.

Outing, Picnics, Dinners

Special themed dinners
Picnics
Wine tasting tour
Lunch and bridge party
Use of our condo
Favorite museum tour

Handy Person Services

I will paint one room of your home
4 hours of chauffeuring services in my car
Care for your plants/pets for one week

**It's Not Too Late!
Forms to Register Your Offering
Are in the Fellowship Hall.**

While the bids are flying at the auction, we'll also be enjoying a delicious dessert/snack potluck.

We need donations of your favorite dessert/snack to share.

(Contact Diane Meyerson ddmeyerson@yahoo.com)

The combination of dessert and snacks, camaraderie, and fast paced bidding will make for a fun evening for all.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH!

Babysitting will be provided

ANTI-RACIST MULTI-CULTURAL ALLIANCE

By Regina Fazzano

Back in November 2010 a group of people at church attended the “Examining Whiteness” class taught by Rev. Katie and Rev. Sharon. We learned that even though the United States has made great strides in eliminating racism, covert racism still exists today. People of color still do not have the same opportunities as Caucasian people. The purpose of the “Examining Whiteness” class was to help the participants examine how the effects of white privilege still exists in our society today. We had also discussed having another “Examining Whiteness” class after Rev. Katie’s return.

After the class ended, a group of us wanted to continue to meet to further our understanding of white privilege. Initially, we did this through reading the book “White Like Me” by Tim Wise. Another book that we had discussed reading was “Learning to be White” by Thandeka (an African American lesbian). Incidentally, the afore mentioned book is on the UUA book list for ministerial candidates. Following that, Rev. Katie suggested that the congregation read “The Death of Joseline”. A small group of people had gotten together for a thought provoking discussion about the book. A study guide was provided by the UUA to go along with the reading of that book. A suggestion was made that we continue to meet to further discuss the concerns/issues brought forward in the book. Immigration reform and building more culturally diverse congregations continues to be a goal for UU congregations. One of the goals voiced by the congregation, was that we become a more racially/culturally diverse congregation.

The Anti Racist Multi-cultural Alliance also hosted the presentation by Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed. The topic of his discussion was “Eight Keys to Becoming a Multi-Cultural Congregation”. Copies of his book were bought by several people in the congregation and we got to meet some people from the Mission Peak and San Ramon congregations.

Anyone is welcome to join our group. Our mission statement simply reads: We co-create a welcoming multicultural community through our examination and interruption of white privilege. Personally, I joined because I wanted to further challenge the racist ideas and opinions with which I was raised. We meet monthly to bi-monthly. I’m sure our role in the church will change over time as we continue to grow towards a more culturally/racially diverse congregation.

COMMITTEE CORNER

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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- BOOK CLUB** The book group will meet Thursday, February 9, 7 PM, at the home of Evelyn Cormier (510-471-0475) to discuss the book *Farm City* by Novella Carpenter. All are welcome. The March book is *No Fond Return of Love* by Barbara Pym.
- CHURCH BOOKSTORE** The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday (February 15) after the service
- DRUM CIRCLE** Meets the 1st. Friday (February 3) from 7-9 PM. Come enjoy a fun and spiritual evening
- EVENING MEDITATION** Meets every Wednesday from 7- 8pm. Come practice meditation and reap its benefits.
- STARR KING ELDERS** Meets every 3rd Wednesday (February 15) at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning about and discussing topics of particular interest to our elder (self-identified) members
- FILM GROUP** The Film group will meet on Saturday, February 18, 2012 At 7:00 P.M. at Stuart Fink's Home "Rise Of The Planet Of The Apes" (2011) Starring James Franco And John Lithgow (Rated Pg-13) Prequel To The Original Film And Takes Place In The Bay Area. Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.
- JUUst SOCIAL CHANGE** Meets on the second Sunday (February 12) after the service, at 11:45 AM. All are welcome.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Meets on the third Sunday of each month (February 19), after the service at 12:00 P.M.
- MORNING DISCOVERY** Meets in the fellowship hall from 10 to 11:15 A.M. on first and third Wednesdays (February 1 & 15). All are welcome to join us to explore community and spirituality, discussion and shared silence.
- NO ROOM FOR RACISM** Vigils are held every third Friday (February 17) from 4 to 5 P.M. at the intersection of Jackson-Mission-Foothill. An opportunity to stand for your values! Sponsored by South Hayward Parish.
- STARR KING PARENTS** To join this active, informative and fun group, contact Sara Raymond at seraymond@gmail.com
- SKIFFLE** Meets 1st. Wednesday of the month (February 1) from 7 to 9 PM. If you're considering coming for the first time, best to give a call to Bob Meyerson at 510 581 2037.
- SKIT** Improv. group meets in the Sanctuary on 2nd. and 4th. Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. (February 9 & 23)

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