



THE FLAMING CHALICE

AUGUST WORSHIP THEME:

I Sought the Wood in Summer

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Our hearts and blessings go out to the family and friends of

Meg Jurich

Her recent passing leaves a huge hole in our church community, and we will miss her greatly.

(Meg's memorial will be on August 25 at Starr King.)

AUGUST SERVICE PREVIEW

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

AUG 5. Baseball's Been Very, Very Good to Me ~Chris Selig, **pulpit guest**

Baseball is chock-full of important life lessons. In these dog days of summer, join us to hear how America's pastime can guide us. Wear your favorite team's colors!

AUG 12 Was Blind, But Now, I See ~The **Worship Committee**

Inspired by the lyrics from the classic hymn "Amazing Grace," members of our congregation will share stories of important turning points in their lives.

AUG 19 I Sought the Wood in Summer—Snapshots

~Rev. **Katie Kandarian-Morris**

Amid the season's heat and light there's almost an impossibility of imagining anything else. What else don't we see because of our proximity? What DO we see because of this new view? Send your summer photos to revkatie@starrking.org for inclusion in the summer worship slideshow.

AUG 26: Our Kindred Fellowship ~Rev. **Katie Kandarian-Morris and congregation**

This past June, thousands of Unitarian Universalists gathered in Arizona for a new kind of General Assembly. What did a "justice GA" mean, and how is it part of our lived faith here?



I See Great Things in Baseball

KATIE'S BAY VIEW 2

Dear Ones,

I'm on vacation now. After all, it is late July/early August and it's the quietest time of the year in church life. Even though the congregation is much more active in the summer months than in the generations past, still the church calendar is not so chock full of events as during the rest of the year. So, this is my customary date for time away from church responsibilities.

It's a time for me to catch up with my family. I'll be taking a trip to see my daughter perform and compete at Hip Hop International, held in Las Vegas. It's a huge event that literally welcomes crews from 40 countries in competition. It's multi-cultural and loud; it's friendly and encouraging. After a few days, I find I've gotta' leave and make my way home since I take in a little too much beat-boxing, dub-stepping and too many specialty-shaved Mohawk haircuts, but the minute I'm gone, I miss it. Natasha's crew is fabulous and dynamic. They're a blast to cheer on.

I may choose to make a last minute trip home to Michigan to visit my father. He has had a rapid mental decline this past year. Sadly, his wife has recently been diagnosed with brain cancer, and is undergoing treatment. It's been a difficult time for them.

Before and after trips away I will spend some time with my husband attending the local baseball games. We have become even greater fans than ever of our east bay major league team, and find ourselves enjoying each other's company when we are staring out at the field sending hope and prayers for the team sporting the white shoes.

You'll get to experience a baseball worship service, as member Chris Selig leads worship the first Sunday in August. Baseball and religion is a thing that goes together well. For us clergy type it a regular topic of conversation. It is a shared non-church passion.

An Episcopalian theologian (and baseball fan) reminds us that for some it is the experience of being at the baseball park, for others the very possibility of being in the right place at the right time (that walk-off home run, the no hitter). It's that very same thing that happens at church. Sometimes, we can be in a special sacred moment, and sometimes, we're just there to be in that wonderful place.

Last week at the ballpark, the woman in front of me read the entire issue of the latest New Yorker despite the fact that we were winning the game, and the next time out, three young dudes behind me conversed without a voice break about their conflicted relationship, about every important book read since college, and how it felt to be fans of teams other than the ones playing. Every once in a while they glanced at the scoreboard and were surprised.

I hope you're in that special peace that is summertime, and I send you more peace for all of your traveling journeys. I'll be back on the 14th of August.

*Blessings and Love,
Katie*

SKUU BOARD NEWS

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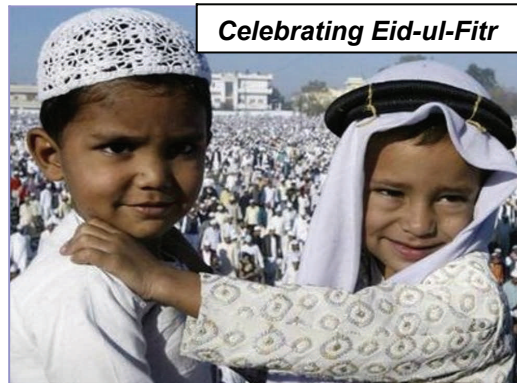
By Andy Hansen—SKUU Board President



Greetings to you. Gee, it's amazing that August has already rolled around; how quickly time passes! I hope that your August includes some end-of-summer treats like another picnic or barbeque, a bit of vacation, extra time with children and pets or perhaps some peace and quiet to contemplate the beauty around you or dig into a good book.

We are presently in the middle of the Islam's holy month of Ramadan, which will conclude on August 18th this year (it migrates through the calendar). Ramadan is said to be the month that the Quran was revealed by God

Muhammad, and it is prayers and fasting during Ramadan (that is, the first day time of joyful celebration observed all around the world. among celebrating Algerian when Ramadan concluded, and singing, finest dress and It's an experience I've



to humankind through therefore venerated with extra daylight hours. The end of of the following month) is a called Eid-ul-Fitr, and I was once privileged to be Muslims in Nice, France and there truly were dancing feasting and many smiles. treasured.

Speaking of vacation, I have just returned from a couple of weeks in the Midwest (flying to Lincoln, NE and then touring both Dakotas by car) and I'm still relishing being at home and not riding in the car for hours at a time. One of our highlights was visiting the National Music Museum (NMM), also known as the Shrine to Music, in Vermillion, SD. Housed on the grounds of the University of South Dakota, the NMM has an international reputation and houses more than 13,500 musical instruments of American, European and non-Western provenance, representing all historical periods. Its collections are among the world's most inclusive. In all my time living in Nebraska, I never got to this area gem and am really glad to have been there.

Perhaps my most anticipated events this coming month, in our church life, are the arrivals mid-month of our new Ministerial Intern Roy King and our new Director of Religious Exploration Darcy Baxter. Each of these individuals is talented, well-qualified, amiable, bright and enthusiastic, and I truly look forward to their contributions and fellowship with excitement. When they come among us, be sure to seek them out for a direct and friendly greeting and make them welcome! We are most fortunate to have them collaborating with us as we deepen and refresh our collective ministry in the coming year.

May your ending summer greet an expectant, invigorated September with new adventures and satisfactions such as Autumn reliably brings.

Warmly,



INTERNING By Roy King

Hello, members of the Starr King UU Church community!

I am Roy King, your new ministerial intern, and I'll be starting at the church in mid-August. I am very excited about this wonderful opportunity and I wanted to begin the process of our getting to know each other.

I just graduated from PSR last May with my MDiv degree, but I also have worn other hats in my career; I'm a psychiatry professor at Stanford, having taught there since 1984. I grew up in Erie, PA and, like many of us, transplanted myself to Northern California in the 1970s to attend medical school. I feel that my life and identity have been somewhat paradoxical. I am African-American and was raised Northern Baptist—but left the church in the 1960s because of its conservative stance on the Vietnam War and its somewhat rigid attitude toward morality. In college, I found yoga, particularly that of Jain community whose ethical position is centered on non-violence. The Jains are strict vegans, but in my faltering attempts to cut out meat from my diet I realized I could never quite live up to these standards. I later applied yoga to my work as a psychiatrist and, ultimately went to seminary to search for the interconnections between spirituality and mental health.

My family is very important to me: my wife, Rebecca, my daughter, Erika, my son, Kai, and grandchildren, Eugene and Desmond. I adore nature and am somewhat a pantheist in my theology, but more about that later.

I am eager to meet all of you and hear your individual stories.

Peace, Roy

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR FESCO CHILDREN

As Summer begins to fade, children and their parents are looking forward to a new school year. I can remember the time as one of excitement and eager anticipation. New clothes, new shoes and new school supplies!

Unfortunately, for children from homes with little or no income, the required supplies can make their school days something to avoid, not eagerly anticipate. For many families to cost is prohibitive and they often cannot buy everything considered necessary for a student to do well. This was made clear to me last August as I watched a mother and her two children buy the items required for the new school year. The materials required consisted of many things, at a substantial cost, which I remember were always supplied by the school. Rulers, glue sticks, tape, pens, scissors, paper and even regular pencils, to name a few. These were provided to every student, not only when I was young, but also when I taught elementary school, in the not too distant past.

Times have changed and budgets have been cut. School districts cannot (or choose not to) supply all those things we took for granted. However, I can imagine how embarrassing going to school that first week must be for those students who are unable to purchase all the necessary things. I wonder, if I were one of those children, would the New School Year be as exciting or hold the promise I remember so fondly from my childhood?

I hope we will all keep these things in mind as we donate school supplies to the FESCO children so they too, can look forward eagerly to their New School Year and to the promise of a good education and a successful life.

SEE PG. 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GIVING TO THE FESCO CHILDREN



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Diana Dickerson, Conveynor RE Council

Children's RE News;

We had a great work Saturday Aug. 7th, to clean the cottages behind the patio and organize the cupboard in the Fellowship Hall. Our helpers were Lavon Hodges, Walt Korus, Bobby Robinson, Lea Casini, Colleen and Dirk Dino, Roy Dickerson, Rev. Katie and some additional information and help from Collin Carrell. If I left someone out, please forgive me. It's a touch of 'old timers' that crops up now and then. We finished with time to spare and lots of ideas were exchanged about the next step.

Darcy Baxter will be our new DRE. She is chock full of ideas and enthusiasm. I am getting excited about our program this fall.

Meanwhile we have lots of FunShops scheduled and there should be lots of fun!

CHILDREN'S RE HAPPENINGS FOR AUGUST

Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

DATE	ACTIVITY
AUG 5	SOLAR OVEN & MORE with ROY DICKERSON
AUG 12	RAPPING THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES with KAREN CARRELL
AUG 19	SINGING WITH JO with AL MURDACH
AUG 26	SINGING with BILL AND RUTH

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<p>2 Joyce Kinnear</p> <p>2 Bob Stortz</p> <p>13 Al Murdach</p> <p>13 John Gruver</p> <p>16 Tasha Casini</p>	<p>21 Regina Fassano</p> <p>25 Garald Mosher</p> <p>26 Julie Welling-Kuftin</p> <p>30 Terry Preston</p>
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FESCO NEWS

by Donnie Rett; Starr King Rep. to FESCO

As Summer comes to an end, families make that annual pilgrimage to their local school supply store with a long list of school supplies that students need to get started.

Did you realize that there are families literally in our own backyard that can't afford those necessities?

Starr King is founder and long-time supporter of FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition). FESCO is a family homeless shelter located in Hayward. FESCO knows that nearly 75% of homeless children will drop out of school; **they are doing everything that they can to help their clients succeed in school.**

On Saturday, August 18th, FESCO will be having their annual Backpack Giveaway. FESCO gives away backpacks filled with necessary, grade-appropriate supplies to almost 200 current and past residents that are attending school. (K- college). FESCO depends on the community to donate the supplies to ensure this event is a success.

There is a large box in our social hall to collect donations for this worthy cause – with a convenient list attached! **OR**, gift cards to Office Max, Wal-Mart, Target or Office Depot can be left in the box or dropped off or mailed to [FESCO](#)'s main office at 21455 Birch St # 5, Hayward 94541 between the hours of nine and four Monday through Friday.

The bags will be distributed on Saturday, August 18. The staff will need help sorting goods and packing the bags prior to the distribution. Contact Donnie Rett (bdrett146@att.net) or phone the FESCO office at 886-5473 if you would like to help.

Please let Donnie Rett know if you have any questions or would be interested in a tour of FESCO!

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

~Backpacks~!

Pens	Washable markers	Graph paper
Three-ring binders	Spiral binders	Calculators
Tape	Highlighters	Rulers
Colored pencils	Hardbound composition	Index cards
Binder paper	books	Flash drives
Correction fluid	Paper clips	Pencil boxes
Regular pencils	Folders (with pockets)	Glue Sticks
Single-subject notebooks	Combination locks	GIFT CARDS
Hand sanitizer	Scissors	

Grounds Committee

Do you enjoy the grounds at Starr King ?

Do you like to garden?

Do you want to learn more about using native plants?

We are looking for volunteers to help work on our grounds.

If you are able to put in any time please see or email

Walt Korus (psycodigger@comcast.net)

eSCRIP
NEWS



Look for this logo, purchase participating products and **Starr King UU Church** can earn **10% of your purchase amounts!** Save the date, the program starts **August 8th!**

Are you registered with eSCRIP?

Do you know that **Starr King** can, for a limited time, get 10% of the cost of participating products at Safeway?

All you need to make this donation possible is a Safeway Rewards Card and an eScrip account. Then, when you purchase products with the logo you see on the left, **Starr King** gets an automatic 10% of your purchase.

Could there be an easier way to donate? If you don't have, or haven't updated your account recently, simply go to www.escrip.com/ and simply click "to enroll" or www.escrip.com/my-eScrip.jsp to update your account.

Your Safeway Club card needs to be renewed with eScrip every year. If you haven't renewed it lately, now would be a great time as you can give **Starr King** 10% of the purchase price of all participating products!

The program begins August 8, so don't put it off. Get signed up or renewed now so you won't miss a single day of giving to **Starr King**. Don't forget eScrip gives to **Starr King** on lots of other type purchases, even at some local restaurants!

More on that next month.

If you have any questions you may email Mary Swain mswain1956@peoplepc.com. (**Starr King's** eScrip administrator)

WE ARE THE 99%!

Join Us Sunday, Sept. 2 for our 10th annual Labor Day Sunday Service

We will have a raucous good time in celebration of the struggles of working people of all nationalities, and racial backgrounds.

Come share poetry and song while we reflect on the fight of working people everywhere to obtain from the 1% a small sliver of the capital produced by their toils.

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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- BOOK CLUB** The book group will meet Thursday, Aug. 9, at Evelyn Cormier's, at 7:00 pm to discuss the book Learning to Bow by Bruce Feiler. The book looks at a teacher teaching in Japan and how he had to figure out how to function appropriately in the Japanese culture. Sound like fun? You bet. Please call the host at 510-471-0475 to let them know you are planning to attend.
- CHURCH BOOKSTORE** The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday (Aug. 19) after the service
- DRUM CIRCLE** Meets the 1st. Friday (Aug. 3) from 7-9 PM. Come enjoy a fun and spiritual evening
- EVENING MEDITATION** Meets every Wednesday from 7- 8 PM. Come practice meditation and reap its benefits.
- STARR KING ELDERS** Meets every 3rd Wednesday (Aug. 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, August 25, 2012 At 7:00 P.M. At Stuart Fink's Home. The movie this month will be "Modern Times" (1936) Starring Charles Chaplin And Paulette Goddard; Chaplin's last silent film: A spoof on labor and industry; includes musical score and sound effects (Rated G). Come, Enjoy! Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.
- JUSTICE ALLIANCE** Meets on the second Sunday (Aug. 12) after the service, at 12:00 PM in the conference room. All are welcome.
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** Meets on the third Sunday of each month (Aug. 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 (Aug. 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 (Aug. 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 (Aug. 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. (Aug. 9 & 17)

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