



THE FLAMING CHALICE

AUGUST WORSHIP THEME:

Come, Come Whoever You Are

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BOARD NOTES

The August meeting of the Board of Trustees will focus on Team Building, and setting goals for the coming year.

REMINDER: Summer Church Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

AUGUST SERVICE PREVIEWS

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

AUG. 4 READERS' THEATRE -Al Murdach, pulpit guest

Come enjoy theatre encased in worship, with a lesson in history, brought to you by members of the congregation. Learn a bit of religious history and sing together too!

AUG. 11 BELA BARTOK--A UNITARIAN ARTIST FOR ALL SEASONS -Roy King, Jr., pulpit guest

Bartok was a seminal modernist composer of the early 20th century who also was a Unitarian. We often view Unitarian Universalism as hyper-intellectual without any artistic sense, but today we will hear how Bartok combined his artistry and sense of social justice to transform the musical world.

AUG. 18 THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL LOVE

-Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris
How are we formed as Unitarian Universalist organizations? Rather than out of belief, we come together in covenant. Let us gather together once again, and renew our covenant with each other, as we have done since the Pilgrims day.

AUG. 25 NEW FRAMES AND SNAPSHOTS -

-Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris, Rev. Darcy Baxter and Roy King, Jr.

MULTIGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

As we gather on a late summer day, let's look at how our perspective can give us a new way of looking at things, a deeper vision, a more clear vision, or maybe even a gorgeously pixilated overview. Email a picture of you or your family in summer life, and we'll take more than one look at it.



A Welcoming Community

KATIE S BAY VIEW ²

I will be away until August 13th, and will join you in worship for the last two weeks of August. But on Saturday, July 13th, I was privileged to be asked to be a speaker for the third Castro Valley Pride (CV Pride) event. I'm excerpting from my speech here:

Castro Valley is such a great place that everybody here wants to be a part of it. In my faith tradition, we talk about our desire to promote and affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and we especially mean those who have been historically on the margins—those who may not have felt welcomed to be authentically who they are. I am here to say, YOU, are worthy, just as you are, regardless of your sexual or affectional orientation, whether you are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, genderqueer, or straight. You are welcome HERE, in Castro Valley, regardless of your orientation, or your race or ethnicity, because you are worthy and whole just as you are.

Unitarian Universalism has had a history of being a welcoming place for LGBTQ people. In fact, the minister who preceded me here, who came in 1980, was invited to be the minister even though he was clear with the search committee that he was gay and OUT.

For me, It's really been in more recent years where it became crystal clear that as a straight person, more than acceptance I needed to *stand up* for people who were facing persecution, oppression, and who were left to deal with vulnerability, and a lack of access to the rights and privileges that I took for granted. Everybody wants to be a part of the great stuff in the world; the people who live here in Castro Valley and the surrounding area, want to be a part of the great things we've got going on here.

But here's what's so *great*. By the creation of this local community event, CV Pride, and through your attendance and support of this kind of welcoming and affirming activity in solidarity, you are a part of the health and wholeness and yes, the healing and renewal of this community. YOU are a part of making Castro Valley a *really* great place to live, to raise your families, to be a part of. Your participation, gay and straight, encourages acceptance in the schools, the coffee shops, the parks, the dog run, the restaurants, the Village and Boulevard, the rolling hills, the performing arts center, all the places that makes this place valuable and the delightful heart of the bay.

Today we celebrate by *coming out*, as LGBTQ and friends and allies, and the great strides we have made in the country, by the Supreme Court's striking down of DOMA, and by the ruling that makes the old Prop 8th gratefully a thing of the past. I have the delightful power invested in me to sign marriage licenses for committed and loving couples, many of whom have been dedicated to each other as long as my now adult children have been alive—some even longer.

It becomes more valuable, more of an exceptional place here, when we create this welcoming community together. It's so much better when we can all be who we are meant to be, without persecution or fear of sharing all of who we are.

And sometimes we just need to hear it aloud: YOU ARE WORTHY. YOU ARE ENOUGH. YOU ARE GORGEOUS AND FABULOUS AND WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE. YOU, AND YOU, AND YOU, AND ME, TOO! CV Pride!

With love,
Katie



President's Message

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By Colleen Dino—SKUU President Board

PLANNING FOR 2013-2014

Our July Board agenda was packed full with old and new business. I wish to send out a special thanks to Walt Korus for sitting through our entire meeting. We are all very thankful to him for preparing a list of updates on our grounds and building. Walt continues to be the main caretaker of our grounds with a small group of dedicated members assisting him. Thank you to everyone who removed bags of green waste from the grounds. Walt also mentioned that we need to do some small repairs to the gutters before the rainy season starts, and power wash the back eaves above the patio. Walt will work with Frank Satterwhite on these repairs.

We completed our business on the request by our office staff for a new copier. After reviewing our 2012-13 end of year budget, the projected budget for the upcoming year 2013-14, and the current savings accounts, the Board voted in favor of purchasing the refurbished Sharp copier. We have also purchased the service agreement, which will include repairs, maintenance, and training for our staff.

In our Bylaws, it states that of the 6 members at large, 3 of these positions shall be liaisons with the Hospitality/Membership, Finance, and Religious Education Committees. The following Board Members have committed to serve as liaison.

R.E. Council – Lea Casini

Hospitality/Membership – Wendy Robertson

Finance Committee – Diana Dickerson

Following our Annual Meeting, there was a petition to have a mail ballot to modify Articles XII and XIII of the Bylaws. We now have enough signatures, and will be making arrangements to create a mail ballot. I will ask the sub-committee who originally put together the proposed Bylaw changes to set up an informational meeting for the congregation prior to the mail ballot to review the changes and the sample ballot.

Our August meeting, we'll set a different kind of agenda, focusing on team building. We'll review our responsibilities as board members, and talk about what goals will be most important for us this coming year.

*Colleen Dino
Warm Regards,*



SOPHIANA CARRELL graduated from UC Davis

MIKAELA FORTINI MCGONAGLE graduated from high school

SHEA is celebrating his seventh birthday and his remission.

We are sending loving, healing, and strengthening thoughts to **SILVIA BRANDON PEREZ DE FORSYTH**, **SUSAN FORSYTH**, and **TIM FORSYTH** as they begin to cope with losing Jim Forsyth.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Joyce Kinnear	20	Marge Schwab
2	Bob Stortz	21	Regina Fassano
13	Al Murdach	25	Garald Mosher
13	John Gruver	26	Julie Welling-Kuftin
16	Tasha Casini	27	Jennifer Koney
18	Lena Rose Kiesling	30	Terry Preston

LIONS CLUBS EYEGLOSS DONATION BOX

Give Your Used Eye Glasses To A Good Cause

Wondering what to do with prescription eyeglasses or reading glasses that can no longer be used? Stuart Fink has placed a box in the fellowship hall for collecting and recycling your no longer needed pairs of eyeglasses. Since we started this procedure our church has donated over 140 pairs of eyeglasses to the Castro Valley Lions Breakfast club of which Stuart is a member.

Volunteers at an eyeglass recycling center in Vallejo clean and sort the eyeglasses by prescription. Since recycling used eyeglasses is illegal in the U.S. the Lions sponsors medical missions to developing countries where people in need have their vision checked and are matched, free of charge, with your donated eyeglasses. Missions have gone to Mexico, the Philippines and India among other countries

SKUU CHILDREN LEARN FIRST HAND ABOUT SUSTAINABLE EATING.



The Miyoshi girls are learning about sustainable eating in their own backyard. Starting with a small tomato plant from Darryl and Rene Ray, they now have a gigantic plant with lots of delicious Sun Gold tomatoes! An excellent example of teaching the 7th Principle with very little effort!

CHILDREN'S RE HAPPENINGS FOR AUGUST

Infants and Toddlers Care in Fellowship Hall

DATE	ACTIVITY
AUG. 4	Fun Activities with Colleen and Zelma
AUG. 11	Crystal Radios
AUG. 18	Fun Songs
AUG. 25	Multi-generational Service

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The bookstore is open every 3rd. Sunday after the service

DRUM CIRCLE

Meets the 1st. Friday 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 ELDERBERRIES

Meets every 3rd Wednesday 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 31, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. At Stuart Fink's Home. "Made In Dagenham" (2010) Comedy-Drama; Starring Sally Hawkins And Bob Hoskins; Dramatization Of 1968 Strike By English Women Against Ford Plant For Equal Pay; (Rated R). Come, Enjoy! Let Stuart know if you are coming and please bring a movie snack to share.

JUSTICE ALLIANCE

Meets on the second Sunday after the service, at 12:00 PM in the conference room. All are welcome.

HOSPITALITY & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Meets on the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 P.M.

MORNING DISCOVERY

Meets in the fellowship hall from 10 to 11:15 A.M. on first and third Wednesdays. All are welcome to join us to explore community and spirituality discussion and shared silence.

SKIFFLE

Meets 1st. Wednesday of the month from 7 to 9 PM. If you're considering coming for the first time, best to give Bob Meyerson a call at 510 581 2037.

SKIT

Improv. group meets in the Sanctuary on the 2nd. Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

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Fundraising Committee– Karen Cook

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Grounds Care– Walt Korus

Hospitality/Membership – Dirk Dino

Interior – Sherry Thomas

Justice Alliance Frank Burton

Nominating Committee – Rebecca Parr

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R.E. Council – Diana Dickerson

Social – Joyce Kinnear

Social Justice Committee– Mary Swain

South Hayward Parish Bd. Rep.– Terry Owen

Sunday Coffee – Roy Dickerson

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