



THE FLAMING CHALICE

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Yonder Come Day!

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BOARD NOTES

- ◆ Are you a Steward of your "Spiritual Home".?
- ◆ Do you ever think about what you receive from your membership at Starr King?
- ◆ Board members and other Starr King leaders attended the seminar on Stewardship. They will be offering a meeting to pass on what they have learned.
- ◆ Colleen Dino announced we have 128 members at Starr King.

NOVEMBER SERVICE PREVIEWS

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

November 3 *Why War?*

-Jim Craig

The human propensity for warfare has bedeviled every culture, race, and religion in human history. Whether for gain or dominance or revenge, people have so often attempted to settle their differences with violence. That is the bad news. Is there any possible good news?

November 10 *Engaging People of Faith*

-Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris, Sara Lamnin and guests from South Hayward Parish

As a member of South Hayward Parish, our local community justice-building organization, it is incumbent upon our congregation to pay attention to the work we are doing. How can we become engaged as people of faith?

November 17- *God and a Post-Traumatic World* -Roy King, intern minister

Every day we hear about and experience a world that is increasingly frightening--from returning veterans to families with losses from drive-by shootings. How can we understand the nature of the Divine or the common spirit of humanity in light of this mounting social discord?

November 24 *This World is Full of Joy and Mystery* -Revs. Darcy Baxter, Katie Kandarian-Morris, and Starr King Youth

For some people, the time where we gather together around a table filled with blessings is their most favorite of the year. As we approach the family holiday of Thanksgiving, let us consider how we make a world that is not only filled with trouble and woe, but joy and mystery.



A Celebration of Peace and Honoring of Sacrifice

KATIE S BAY VIEW ²

Veteran's Day, observed on November 11th, is an official U.S. holiday, one that honors those who have served in the armed services. Even though it's not a religious holiday, it certainly calls upon those of us who are religious to acknowledge both the moral and spiritual aspects of people who have dedicated themselves both in times of war, peace, voluntary service or the draft. Simply listing such diverse words (war, peace, volunteer, draft) all together brings up the conflicts that we might have surrounding this day.

My colleague Leisa Huyck was inspired to preach about the needed soul repair and the complexity of our emotions toward war and service especially after she developed a friendship with Chris Antal.

Chris is a young UU minister who serves as a chaplain in the United States Army. Does it surprise you, that a UU minister would become a military chaplain? When we have so many other options? But Chris isn't like me. He doesn't have a lot of other options. He and his wife have four very young children, and they are poor. "Dirt poor," are his exact words. He had two options if we wanted to follow his call to ministry. One was to take out gigantic student loans. The other was to enter the military. Ministry doesn't pay particularly well, and Chris didn't see how his family could get by on a minister's salary if he had a huge load of debt.

But that is not the main reason he chose military chaplaincy. It matters, but it's not the main reason. Chris told me the main reason is this: "As long as we continue to send people to war, we have an obligation to accompany them. To minister to them. The more unjust the war, the more this is true. We cannot abandon the people we send into harm's way."

We may not agree with the reasons for a current war, or for a "just war," or for any kind of war in our nation's history. We may have a certain level of ambivalence based on our own family's choices, or opportunities. But it is imperative, that as people of faith, as people with a moral conscience, it is up to us to accept responsibility for our service men and women when they come home, and to bring them back to a sense of personal peace.

Faithfully, Katie



Thoughts of healing for both **Georgia Gruver** and **Jennifer Koney**. Get well soon!

Marge and Bill Schwab have a new granddaughter and a new great grandson. We share your joy.

Continued healing for **Jody Dill**.

STEWARDSHIP AT STARR KING

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By Colleen Dino—SKUU President Board



"We know the future will outlast all of us, but I believe that all of us will live on in the future we made."

Senator Ted Kennedy



In this year of "reframing", going deeper in our commitment to Starr King, we take on the challenge this month to immerse ourselves in the subject of stewardship. We strengthened our commitment by appointing, and supporting Georgia Gruver as the chair of our Canvass Committee. Georgia and several other leaders from Starr King will be joining me at the UU Church of Berkeley for a full day seminar on the subject of stewardship. This event will be led by Dr. Wayne Clark, the Unitarian Universalist Association's Congregational Stewardship Network Director. He frequently gets asked: "What's the one thing we can do to make our stewardship campaign successful? And what is the secret?"

Our group looks forward to circulating the secrets from this seminar and the book we purchased, "Beyond Fundraising: The Complete Guide to Congregational Stewardship" to continue this work at home in our place of worship. Watch for our invitation for discussion in the following weeks. What does stewardship or being a steward mean to you as a member of Starr King Church? I looked to the dictionary for the proper meaning of these words.

Stew-ard-ship:

Noun

The responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.

Steward:

A person who manages another's property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent for another or others.

In viewing our website, www.starrking.org, you will find our own description of stewardship on our homepage under the "faith in action" tab. Click on this tab and view the drop down menu, which will take you to our stewardship link. I won't spoil it by telling you what the content is; I invite you to explore this portion of our site on your own. Yes, explore! You may find there are other topics on our site that interest you, or maybe you will get caught up reading a blog posted by one of our committees.

I would also like to recognize our Board members, and their efforts in hosting the information session for our mail ballot which was sent out last week. A heartfelt thank you to all of you who participated. Nancy Harrison and Wendy Robertson did a superb job with organizing the presentation. A special thank you to Mary Lasack, Barry Leech, Beth Ogilvie, Roy Dickerson, Stuart Fink, Dirk Dino, Diana Dickerson, and Nancy Harrison for getting the ballots together and in the mail so swiftly. We thank the congregation for taking the time to consider this ballot. Your presence is requested on Sunday, November 3rd following Sunday service to count the votes.

In Fellowship
Colleen Dino
SKUUC Board President



Interning in November

In 1959, the renowned physicist and novelist, C. P. Snow, delivered an address entitled *The Two Cultures* in which he bemoaned the unfathomable gulf between scientific and humanistic literacy. Each enterprise was just too narrowly focused to bridge the difficult policy decisions of the modern world which, he felt, required an integration of scientific methodology with the insights into the human condition furnished only by an artistic or literary understanding of the expressive life. I am not sure that we have overcome this divide in the half-century since his lecture, but many liberal religions, such as Unitarian Universalism, pay lip service to their reconciliation in sermons and in religious education.

C. P. Snow, however, was not so acquainted with certain social sciences--particularly from North America--that from their inception have attempted such integration. I'm thinking, most particularly, of anthropology and archaeology which ever since the 1960s have sought a scientific approach to interpreting cultural phenomena.

Recently, a couple of fascinating reports from these fields have the capability of transforming our biased views about religion and ethics. The first is a study conducted by the anthropologist Dean Snow (no relation, I presume) from Penn State. He analyzed a large set of Paleolithic cave paintings from Spain and France such as those made famous in Werner Herzog's 2010 surreal documentary *Cave of Forgotten Dreams*. Received opinion concluded that the uncannily representational drawings of bison and bears and horses were drawn by men--male hunters who represented these animals as a form of sympathetic magic to facilitate their kill. Dean Snow, rather conclusively showed that the adjoining hand prints to these cave paintings were female hands, based on the ratio of digit lengths, index to middle fingers. Since the 1800s, we have often heard that religion and art were invented by men for the purpose of facilitating hunting; Snow's results leave us in a quandary of interpretive mud. What were cave women doing when they painted wild animals? Could we be witnessing the rudiments of eco-theology? A harmonizing of the human with the wild?

Another study conducted by the primatologist Frans de Waal from Emory University found that the odd species of chimps, the bonobos, whose hierarchies are based on affectional rather than aggressive behavior, exhibit empathy toward orphaned bonobos through hugging and other forms of close physical contact. The Ancient Near Eastern religions, Mesopotamian and Israelite, frequently dictate an ethical concern for orphans and widows. Could we have inherited such a specific empathic concern? Could our God, as well as our primate behavioral genetics prime us to console those who are underprivileged or lost--an inchoate liberation theology among bonobos?

Perhaps science and religion are mutually reflecting enterprises, if we delve deeply enough.

Shanti
Roy



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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By Rev. Darcy Baxter, Dir. of Family Ministry

RE THEME FOR NOVEMBER:

YONDER COME DAY: JUSTICE & THE KIN-DOM OF GOD

I have begun to use the term "faith formation" more so than religious exploration or education these days. I like the word 'formation'-- it brings to mind the slow process of hands sculpting clay or play-dough. As Director of Family Ministry, I am always asking "what are the activities that help us to make meaning of our lives and to cope with joys and sorrows?"

Faith formation is really about boat-building. Educational psychologist Robert Kegan talks about how when you are working with people (children and adults), helping them shift from one level of 'consciousness' to the next, you cannot just sit people down and "talk them" into a different level of consciousness. There needs to be an activity or goal--something the person wants to do for herself that, in the process of achieving, requires her to develop and acquire different skills; different ways of thinking and relating; and yes, possibly even a different kind of consciousness.

Like building a boat. A group of people who want to learn carpentry skills, for example, may come together to build a boat. At the beginning, they are just focused on gaining technical experience. But in the course of the project, each person involved will learn different skills and perspectives-- they will learn collaboration skills, they will see that different people approach the same problem differently. Their worldview, their consciousness, can transform. In the process of building that boat, the people are being formed-- often not in the way the person expected or anticipated.

It can be easy to focus on the final product, on the boat itself. But what I care about most is the boat-building process and what happens among and within people during building the boat. Are you engaged in any "boat-building" projects? How are the activities in which you are engaged forming you?

Blessings,

Rev. Darcy

THANKSGIVING - More Than Just a Meal!

Yes, We Will Have

Thanksgiving Dinner at Starr King!

Everyone's customs differ; but we will make it as traditional and family-like as we know how. There will be time before (and after) the meal to relax, circulate and catch up with "family" members.

Kathryn LaMar will again lead a drum circle after dinner. This was a great success last year -Many absolute novices joined in, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Board games (especially Scrabble) will be set out for those so inclined.

We'll be sure to provide something to keep kids occupied, too.

Meal will be potluck, so plan to bring a favorite dish. A signup sheet is on the community table, but it's just a guide - not essential to pre-plan. Gathering time is 2:00.

Come for the day, or just to say "hello" before heading elsewhere . . .OR - join us for dessert after you your own meal.

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Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

Donnie Rett at bdrett146@att.net

Green Sanctuary Update:

Fresh Produce and Eggs For the SHP Food Pantry

The Urban Orchards project at the SHP Food Pantry has been in full swing this summer, with Starr King church members supplying some of their own home grown fresh produce. In April, the Starr King RE children came out to Sunnyslope Family Farm to plant tomato seedlings. They came back in September to harvest some for the Food Pantry. In October, Ann Chappell's huge garden was gleaned by SKUU members. Tomatoes, squash, avocados, tangelos, apples, and grapes were donated. Since September, the Starr King Egg CS (Community Supported Agriculture) members have donated 12 dozen organic, free range eggs.

The South Hayward Parish has an average of at least 100 people a day that come to their Food Pantry. Fresh produce is a welcome addition, especially in the fall when supplies run low.

If you have any extra produce you want picked ("gleaned") from your property, or just want to drop some off, contact the South Hayward Parish's Urban Orchards project at <http://southhaywardparish.org/urban-orchards/>, or Renee Ray at renee@sunnyslopefamilyfarm.com.

Urban Orchards Produce Is Gratefully Accepted At South Hayward Parish



Darryl Ray Loads Fresh Produce From Ann Chappell's Extensive Garden To Deliver to South Hayward Parish



Starr King Egg CSA Members, Have Donated Over 20 Dozen Organic, Free-Range Eggs To SHP Since September"



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2 LESLEY HITCHINGS

17 KEVIN BABBIDGE



2 BOB MEYERSON

20 BOBBY ROBINSON



3 DIANA DICKERSON

21 ALYSSA JOY BAKER-



8 BOB RETT

BLANC

11 JORDAN LOWELL-

30 TERRY BABBIDGE



BAKER-BLANC

30 SUSAN BLANC



14 HANK WAGNER (2007)



November EScrip News

November is the month when your Safeway Card must be renewed in order for Starr King to continue to receive donations thru Escript. It is also a good time to check the debit and credit cards that you have registered with your escript and update them as needed.

The church also benefits when you make purchases thru the online mall and the escript dining program. These programs are very simple to use and require no special effort on your part other than paying with your registered debit or credit card at participating restaurants or entering the online site thru the escript Online Mall portal.

This year, starting in November, there will be significant changes to the escript Safeway Card program. In order for your Safeway purchases to count they must be paid for with cash, debit card, Safeway gift card, or check. **Credit Cards will NOT count.**

The Escript program is a valuable resource for Starr King. With just a little effort we can make it very successful. For more information email Mary Swain mary.swain10@gmail.com.



Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20

By James Green

At least one transgender person is viciously murdered every month somewhere in the world, and this has been documented for the past decade. Most of these murders remain unsolved, and they are rarely reported in the news media.

In 1999, Bay Area writer and web-mistress Gwendolyn Ann Smith started the Remembering Our Dead project out of frustration with this situation, calling for a candlelight vigil at Civic Center in San Francisco, that November 20th. About 30 people attended. I spoke at the event along with then SF Supervisor Mark Leno. Since then, the event has been replicated in hundreds of cities worldwide, each year on (or about) November 20, to remember those who have lost their lives to anti-transgender violence since the previous year's vigil.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people, an action that current media doesn't perform. Day of Remembrance publicly mourns and honors the lives of our sisters and brothers who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the vigil, we express love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred. Day of Remembrance reminds non-transgender people that we are their sons, daughters, parents, friends and lovers. Day of Remembrance gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who've died by anti-transgender violence. We encourage you to show your solidarity with transgender people and attend one of the several public events that will be held in the Bay Area.

Screening of "TRANS"

Sunday, Nov 24, 2 PM

Castro Valley Library

As part of the Starr King UU community's solidarity with transgender issues, please join our Interweave group for a free special screening of the movie "TRANS" at the Castro Valley Public Library at 2:00 PM on Sunday Nov. 24th. The award-winning, 90-minute film depicting transgender-identified people, both young and old, will be followed by a panel of trans people who can answer questions about the film and about transgender experience, including our own James Green, who is featured in the film. Doors will open at 1:30 PM.



Ashland -- March 29-30, 2014

Join us for our annual trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland! We'll have two days and nights to enjoy friends, shopping, great meals and remarkable theater at this nationally renowned Festival. There will be one Shakespearean play and two modern offerings – a mix of drama and comedy that will appeal to all.

DATES: SATURDAY MARCH 29- SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2014.

PRICE: \$280.00 per person for 2 nights, double occupancy (Sat, Sun) at the hotel (including breakfast), 3 plays and a group discussion with a Festival actor. Additional nights at the hotel are \$70.00 per person. You will be on your own for transportation and other meals.

If you must cancel after February 25, we will attempt to get the tickets for the plays reimbursed, but the hotel room cost is non-reimbursable after that point in time.

Cancellation prior to that date has no penalty.

** The Festival has raised group ticket prices substantially this year. Our group rate is still a very significant saving over booking a similar weekend privately.*

Saturday Evening: *“The Sign in Sidney Brustein’s Window”*
by Lorraine Hansberry.



It's 1964, and Sidney Brustein is in his element: a Jewish intellectual in the heart of Greenwich Village, a hotbed of artists, activists and social upheaval. But nothing has brought him happiness—not his bohemian friends, his wife Iris, his failed folkie nightclub, or even his own lofty ideals. Then, when a turbulent political campaign sparks him into action and Iris begins yearning for a different life, he's forced to decide what's really worth fighting for. This 50th anniversary production of a neglected classic explores the rocky landscape of love, choices and consequences with poignancy and biting humor.

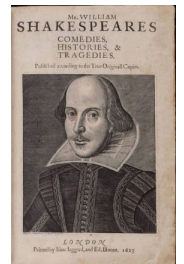


Sunday Afternoon: “Cocoanuts” from a book by George S Kaufman;
music and lyrics by Irving Berlin.

The service stinks but the gags are four-star in this Marx brothers romp. Groucho owns a bum hotel in Florida and peddles dubious real estate to gullible northerners seeking a place in the sun. He's after a rich society dame, who's after an eligible match for her daughter, who's in love with the hotel's head clerk. Trouble rolls in with the tide when the other Marx brothers arrive.

Sunday evening: *“The Tempest” by William Shakespeare.*

For 12 years, the exiled Duke Prospero has waited for this moment. Old enemies have sailed too close to his enchanted island, and a mighty storm has forced them ashore. Now, it's time to settle old scores and reclaim his former dukedom for his daughter Miranda. Prospero dispenses justice while overseeing the growing attraction between Miranda and the princely son of one of his foes. In Shakespeare's romance, sorcery and love transmute vengeance into humanity.



Sunday morning: Discussion with a Festival Actor

See next page for reservation form! Sign up now!

Ashland Reservation Form

-- March 29-30, 2014

DEPOSIT: \$120 per person will be due by January 1, 2014

ACCOMMODATIONS: We will be staying at the lovely and centrally located Plaza Inn. Rooms are large and comfortable. The hotel rate includes a great breakfast; late afternoon snacks; as well as cookies and tea/coffee after each evening play. The hotel is within walking distance of the theater, shopping and many fine restaurants.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: February 25, 2014

YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR TICKETS AT THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT STARR KING CHURCH IN HAYWARD (TBA).

ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN PICK UP THEM UP FROM THE TRIP COORDINATOR IN ASHLAND.

Your friends are welcome! If you would like to invite additional friends to join you for the weekend, feel free to forward this information and reservation form to them.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT CHECK BY JANUARY 1, 2014:

RESERVATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL (REQUIRED):** _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (\$120.00 PER PERSON)

ROOMING WITH: _____

___ 2 nights

___ 3 nights (add Fri Mar 28 - \$70.00 per person will be added to your final bill)

Make check payable to Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church (SKUU)

Mail this form and your check to: Terri Owen, 5240 Crane Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546

ON GOING FUN AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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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, November 20, at 7:00 P.M. At Stuart Fink's Home. "Europa Report" (2013) Sci Fi-Thriller; An International Crew Of Astronauts Go On A Privately Funded Expedition To Search For Life On Jupiter's Moon Europa; (Rated Pg - 13).

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 4th. Thursday 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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