



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

APRIL WORSHIP THEME:

**Blue Boat Home**

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It's not too late to  
show your support  
of Starr King by  
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## *APRIL SERVICE PREVIEWS*

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

### **April 6** *A Higher and Nobler Object*

~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris

Take me out to the ball game. With the crowd. Is my only allegiance to that of sports, or may it not be in competition with my devotion to my other religious community?

### **April 13** *Beloved Conversations*

~Rev. Katie Kandarian-Morris and Roy King, Jr.

This community has been engaged this past year in conversations about the struggles of difference and how we come up to faces each other and those variations. How can this congregation continue to be in conversation about issues of racism while staying in relationship?

### **April 20** *We Come in a Variety*

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

#### MULTIGENERATIONAL

On this Easter Sunday, Starr King Church celebrates its annual flower communion and considers all the ways we come, all the ways we are, all that we believe. Please bring a flower to add to our basket, to add your beauty to the mix.

### **April 27** *Until Your Well Runs Dry*

-Rev. Darcy Baxter

For Earth Day, we'll consider the essential element of water, its future and ours.



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# Love Coming 'Round

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KATIE'S BAY VIEW

It's been well over a month since I've announced that I'll be leaving SKUUC at the end of the church year. Church leadership experts talk about this leaving as a time of adjusting to change similar to that of the grief process. It might sound a little silly, like as much as we know we might miss each other, grief seems to focus somewhat harshly on sadness.

But if we remember that the emotions of grief actually run the gamut of the wheel, from bargaining to anger to frustration to acceptance, it might make sense that we've had so many varying thoughts about the end of my ministry with SKUUC. As much as I might like to see myself not having some of these same feelings, I acknowledge my own mixture of emotions in leaving.

The gift that we hold is that there is still time for us to continue conversation with each other, to express some of these responses, to talk about what this ministry has meant, to have direct conversations. I have spoken to many of you, and I am grateful for those exchanges. I give thanks for the relationships we have made with each other.

*In Faith, Katie*



Congratulations to **Mary Ellen Fortini** (Grandmother) and **Kelty McGonagle** (Mother) for bringing our newest community member, **Darryn**, to us. She is a beautiful little girl.

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## Your 2013-2014 Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees met twice in March. At our invitation, PCD Executive Josh Searle-White attended our March 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting to help us sort out feelings and questions following Rev. Katie's resignation.

Josh guided us through the UUA Transition path and shared the benefits of an Interim Minister. We spoke openly about our choices and concerns. In closing, Josh gave us this advice; "Nothing has to happen immediately; the board should take some time to digest the news of Katie's leaving before deciding which path to take next".

The Board took the next two weeks to absorb the recommendations; talking to each other about our responsibilities to the congregation, sharing our hopes and fears.

It was at our next meeting that we came together to vote on the next steps. We held this special meeting knowing that we have a deadline of April 17<sup>th</sup> to apply for an Interim Minister. At this meeting, the board members present voted unanimously to hire an Interim Minister. We agreed that the work of an Interim Minister was too important not to consider.

The Board will ask the Committee on Ministry to work with us on the Interim application as well as forming the committee that will welcome and support our transition Minister. I will continue to update the blog on our web-site as things progress.

As a Leader, I do not have all the answers. I rely on the support from our board members, past and present to help guide me through these difficult decisions. My hope is that you all feel comfortable sharing your thoughts and concerns with members of our congregation as we move into the next generation of Starr King.

### Other Board items that were approved:

- The Board voted to accept the Financial Review that was completed by Beth Ogilvie, Stuart Fink, and Frank Burton.
- Our Facilities Use Agreement was amended to add these words to Section D: In the event of injuries or accidents on church premises, user shall notify the church office by the next business day or as soon as possible.

The Committee on Ministry recommended inviting two new members. The board approved.

*In Fellowship*  
*Colleen Dino*  
*Board President*

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# Interning in April *By Roy King* 4

Many years ago, my wife, Rebecca, and I were sitting on a train in the Netherlands gazing out the window. It was springtime and acres and acres of crimson and golden tulips waved before us like whitecaps topping a stormy sea. Their uniform beauty was impressive. Somehow this remembered image stirs up in me the extended metaphor that churches are theological gardens or fields. A dogma based religion like the Catholic or Orthodox Church is like a Dutch field of tulips with its long history of religious art and systematic theology; a United Church of Christ would be similar to an sprawling English garden that permits some diversity of flora. Our UU churches are more akin to a wild grassland and oak forest where all kinds of flowers and trees and grasses flourish in a complex eco-system.

Of course there is beauty in both uniformity and diversity. I sometimes wish we at Starr King UU Church could more often and more deeply appreciate how awesome is our wild theological garden! We have our stately oaks maintaining our historical tradition of expansive love from our Universalist trunk and the unity of the Divine from our Unitarian side. We discover the abundance of aromatic lavender and mint and sage and fennel that burst forth among our Buddhist, Yogini, Pantheist and Wicca members. Finally, the native California grasses that flourish from our Western American tradition of free-thought humanism, agnosticism and atheism. What a wonderful richness here; truly a Garden of Earthly Delights!

*Shanti, Roy*

## April Birthdays

3	Andrea Kufin	14	Georgia Gruver
6	Eric Bugosh	16	Molly Hitchings
10	Katie Kandarian	23	Henry Wagner
10	Karen Carrell	21	Andy Matthews
11	Frank Satterwhite	30	Bill Schuler



# RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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By Rev. Darcy Baxter, Dir. of Family Ministry

## APRIL RE THEME: Liberation and Renewal

Lesson learned from our month of spiritual practices in March: when doing a walking meditation with children, do NOT walk by the playground! There is much in our life, no matter how much power we may have, that we cannot control or influence--so much we simply need to accept. Or at least, it would be healthiest to accept! Such acceptance is not a passive process--it requires intention and practice. What should we accept? What should we fight? How many times would the children need to do their walking meditation past the playground before they would no longer be pulled by it's magnetic lure? (Probably never!)

April is a time of rebirth and renewal—warmer weather and more daylight. Passover. Easter. Our liturgical calendar points us towards focusing on liberation and renewal. Caught up in our tasks of daily living, trying to be good parents, good adult children....what are practices in our life that can provide us with a sense of liberation and renewal? With the warm, dry weather, I know the children will be active in their spiritual practice of “playing on the playground.” What is your “playground” and how can you spend a little more time there?

*Blessings, Rev. Darcy*



### Annual SKUU Easter Egg Hunt

Children are invited to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt right after church on Easter Sunday.

We have plastic eggs and some baskets at church.

We would like to include some small non-sugary type items in the plastic eggs.

Please bring in items like goldfish crackers, balloons, stickers, etc.

to stuff the eggs.

We also welcome small candies and chocolates.

We will collect these items at the door as you enter.

Volunteers will fill the eggs. If you would like to volunteer to do this, please let Lea or Darcy know.

# **Annual Potluck Passover Seder**

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**Friday, April 18**

**Join us for this Family-friendly Religious Festival  
Gather at 6:00 p.m. Service begins at 6:30**

**Sign-up on the Table in the Fellowship Hall**

Contact Joyce Kinnear @ [joycekinnear@hotmail.com](mailto:joycekinnear@hotmail.com) to volunteer  
or for more information.

## SKUUC Service Auction

**Save the Date: Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m**  
**Donate a Service:**



If you can provide transportation to the airport, wash windows, bake a cake, cookies, pies, prepare and serve dinner to group of people, provide computer services, or some other service, please contact Diane Meyerson at [ddmeyerson@gmail.com](mailto:ddmeyerson@gmail.com), 510-581-2037, or at church.

**Join the fun in both providing and bidding  
for services at the Service Auction**

## MAKE SKUU'S PRESENCE FELT IN THE COMMUNITY!

Save the date! **May 17th** for **Hayward's Clean and Green**. Morning trash pickup to be followed by a BBQ lunch! Let's see how many "yellow T's" we can gather and "spread the love!" Details to follow or see Colleen Saia.

## **CIRCLE SUPPER**

If you are interested in a small group of laughter, conversation and food, sign up for the circle supper on **Saturday, May 17**. The dinner will be at one person's home, and everyone brings a dish. Please sign up with your name, email, food requirements, whether you can host or if you would like to attend a family friendly dinner. Please **sign up by Sunday, May 4** to allow coordination of dinners. Contact Joyce Kinnear at [joycekinnear@hotmail.com](mailto:joycekinnear@hotmail.com) if you have questions.

# Starr King's Annual (Big Blue) Earth Day Fair! <sup>7</sup>



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## Water!

is our theme this year



## Sulphur Creek Nature Center

will be on hand with creatures for kids of all ages to meet and greet!



**Giveaways, Sign-ups, Art, Education, Information and More!**

**WHERE:**

**Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church**

**WHEN:**

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45**

**Children will be able to meet the Sulphur Creek animals both during and after the service!**

# **New Jim Forsyth Foundation, Teams Up With South Hayward Parish to Provide, Expand Much Needed Homeless Services**

**by Teri Owen, SKUU SHP Rep.**

Silvia Brandon-Perez has founded the Jim Forsyth Foundation, in memory of her husband and our beloved long time member. Jim and Silvia have worked for many years with South Hayward Parish/Hayward CAN and the first grant from the Foundation was in support of the new Joe White Movement. Silvia made a matching grant of \$3000.00.

With the generosity of the SKUU congregation and the larger Hayward Community an additional \$6000.00 was raised, doubling the match! A total of \$9000.00 from this grant will go to support the new Winter Shelter and the expansion of the Homeless Drop-In Center.

Joe White was a homeless resident of Hayward who died tragically from exposure during our extreme cold spell last December. Joe's family and friends have worked together with the SHP community to provide new homeless services in Joe's memory by forming the Joe White Movement/Fund.

For the first time this winter, on nights with severe weather, an emergency overnight shelter has been opened at the SHP Outreach Center on Patrick Avenue in Hayward.

Silvia was there, "On the second night we were open, we had thirteen guests at our small shelter, sharing conversation, soup, goopy peanut butter sandwiches, the occasional banana, water, coffee... I felt such gratefulness that at least the ones who had made it there would not die of exposure as Joe White had, that for a night we would make a difference in the lives of human beings with names, stories, jokes, loves, and needs."



This work is very personal to Silvia, "I was blessed by finally marrying my soul mate, a man who, though not a believer as defined in traditional religion, was a brilliant scholar and ardent practitioner of community and solidarity.

"In 10<sup>th</sup> grade I went to a Catholic retreat in the mountains of the Dominican Republic, and the priest repeated the words attributed to that great revolutionary, the man Jesus, about giving food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger and dressing the naked one, caring for those who were ill and visiting the prisoner... For verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me... Jim always said solidarity is the best synonym for love. "

Silvia also works hard providing legal services to immigrant families through SHP. "I love the South Hayward Parish... Someday I hope to create a work about the organization, whose 50th year this is, to be called 'On a Wing and a Prayer,' what is used to create miracles such as this shelter. I am so very grateful to be a small part of it all."



# ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL: WHAT WE CAN DO

On April 5th, join with others to deepen your understanding of economic injustice in California.



Watch *Inequality for All*, the award-winning film narrated by former Secretary of Labor **Robert Reich** about widening income inequality in the United States.

## CONFRONTING SUBURBAN POVERTY in AMERICA

Be inspired by, and learn from, three guest speakers.  
**Chris Schildt** has worked on questions of suburban poverty and the social safety net in Contra Costa County for the last several years. She has researched the growth of poverty in East Contra Costa County, working with staff at the Brookings Institution on the groundbreaking book, *Confronting Suburban Poverty*, which documents national trends around the suburbanization of poverty and features a case study on East Contra Costa County.



**Alexis Fernandez** is Director of Legislation, and Legislation and Communications Team Lead at California Food Policy Advocates. Alexis' work focuses on developing and implementing policies aimed at improving CalFresh access and participation through state and county-level initiatives. In addition, Alexis leads CFPA's legislative and communication efforts.



**Rhina Ramos** is the Co-Coordinator of ROC the Bay, the local affiliate of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United, a national restaurant workers' organization with more than 13,000 restaurant worker members in 32 cities nationwide. Rhina was born in El Salvador, and arrived in the US at age 14 in 1983. She's a lawyer, a community organizer, and a trainer, who's worked tirelessly raising awareness and advocating for education equity, domestic violence,

labor rights and international solidarity.

**April 5, 10 am -3 pm** A donation of \$20.00 is requested. (Registration starts at 9:30 am) No one turned

### Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church

**PLEASE NOTE: This is a Brown Bag lunch event. 55 Eckley Drive, Walnut Creek Please bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.**

**REGISTER NOW AT**

<http://uujmca.org/advocacy/economic-justice-for-all/>



# Awaken the Spirit!

## Registration is now open for District Assembly

District Assembly 2014 April 25 - 27, 2014

Red Lion Hotel Westlake Conference Center

**Sacramento, CA**

Join 400 Vibrant & Vital Unitarian Universalists for a weekend of laughing, learning, networking and worship.

**Registration is Now Open!**

Regular Registration: \$165 to April 11th (\*includes all three meals on Saturday.)

Late Registration: \$185 to April 18th (\*includes all three meals on Saturday)

Registration CLOSES at midnight on Friday, April 18th!

Children & Youth Registration Deadline: April 11th

**See this link to register today!**

# UU Family Camp

## Mendocino Woodlands

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS STARTING IN FEB. FOR TWO SESSIONS**  
**July 12-19, 2014; July 20-26, 2014**

Please see webpage below

<http://www.ncuucc.org/calendar/family-camp/>

# 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** "Due to various commitments for April there will be no film night. Instead you are encouraged to welcome Spring and celebrate Earth Day with a film of your own choosing."

**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 the 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.

**STARR KING CHOIR** Meets every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 am before the service. For information, please contact Jo Murdach [jo71murdach@yahoo.com](mailto:jo71murdach@yahoo.com)

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# HOW TO REACH US

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**Church Office Hours** 12  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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## Church Leadership

### Board of Trustees

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**Intern Minister** Dr. Roy King, Jr.  
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## Positions

**Adult Religious Education** – Jennifer Koney

**Anti-Racist Multicultural Alliance** - Regina Fassano

**Buildings** – Bobby Robinson

**Chalice Editor** – Georgia Gruver

**Church Website** – Beth Ogilvie

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