



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

AUGUST WORSHIP THEME:  
COME, COME, WHOEVER YOU ARE

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## INCOME INEQUALITY

Join us **Sunday August 31st** at our **12<sup>th</sup> annual Labor Day Sunday Service** for a celebration of working people. Most all of us have made our way in life by working. Is it fair that income inequality means extreme hardship to the working poor, or is the wealth generated by our economy a good thing for all, as more jobs are created by those with great wealth? Come join us for a high energy of music, song and poetry as we celebrate our work and our struggles.

## AUGUST SERVICE PREVIEWS

### Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

#### **Aug 3 How Did We Get Here?**--

Terri Owen

Join us as we examine the difference between "Home" and "No Home". What can we do about homelessness? We will be featuring the work of South Hayward Parish in this area as well as other strategies. There will be a special plate to support the new Maple House drop in center.

#### **Aug 10 Turning Allies into Foes**

Bob Meyerson

While we UU's share many passions in common, sometimes we become so involved in one that we forget that others might be just as important. Join us as we try to explain that we must have room in our hearts for more than one cause at a time.

#### **Aug 17 The Third Principle: Growing Souls**

Joy Atkinson

The late Unitarian Minister A. Powell Davies characterized life as "a chance to grow a soul," and the Third Principle of our faith calls upon us to encourage one another in our spiritual growth. What is "spiritual" or "soul growth," and how can we pursue this growth for ourselves, as well as encourage it within our congregations?

#### **Aug 24 Just So Long and Long Enough**

Joy Atkinson

Our new interim minister will introduce the concept of intentional interim ministry and speak about the developmental goals of the interim period. She will also explore the challenge of inevitable change, both in our personal lives and as participants in a religious community.

#### **Aug 31 Labor Day**

Bob Britton

Join us for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Sunday Service. Come share poetry, songs and reflection. This always proves to be a memorable service.

# Words of Joy

by Joy Atkinson  
Interim Minister

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I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church as your interim minister, beginning on August 15th. Following are a few words of self-introduction.

In 2002, after 25 years in settled ministry, I decided to move into the specialized field of interim ministry. I have served as Interim Minister to nine congregations of varied sizes and styles in the last 12 years since then, in Stockton, Marin, Grass Valley, Carmel, Santa Barbara, Fremont, Humboldt and Berkeley California, and in Tucson, Arizona. I have enjoyed this specialized form of ministry, and I look forward to serving as your Interim Minister for this upcoming year.

My special training relevant to interim work includes long-time service in the Pacific Central District as the Ministerial Settlement Representative (the liaison between the UUA and congregations in search of a minister), long-time service on the PCD Conflict Management Team, training in growth and extension through the UUA, and training in interim ministry through the UUA and the interfaith Interim Ministry Network. As of June 2005, I became an Accredited Interim Minister with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

I have a grown son and two grandchildren. When I am not actively engaging in ministry, I enjoy visiting with family, amateur astronomy, poetry, attending local theater, singing in local choirs, and travel, especially on archeological tours.

The interim period between settled ministers is an important and potentially very productive time in the life of a congregation—a time to explore where the congregation has been and where it is going, a time to experiment with various forms of worship and explore organizational structure, a time to evaluate and assess current needs, to work toward a healthy and solvent future, and to prepare for a new settled minister. There is much we can accomplish together during this interim period, and I am eager to begin.

I look forward to my first Sunday service among you on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and to the many opportunities there will be to meet and talk with each of you. Meanwhile, have a wonderful and refreshing remainder of the summer.

*See you all soon,  
Joy Atkinson*



# YOUR SKUU BOARD-AUG. 2014

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By Colleen Dino—SKUU President Board-

We continue to have lay-led services and guest speakers in the pulpit during the summer months until our interim minister; Rev Joy Atkinson arrives in mid-August. I want to thank Lu Middleton and the entire worship committee, ushers and sound people for their dedication and hard work preparing our Sunday services, and welcoming our guests.

I have been communicating with Rev. Joy over the last month, sharing my concerns on how to prepare the congregation better for our interim work and what to expect in the coming year. She has recommended that we have a start-up workshop that is offered by the district to help answer some of our questions and concerns. Joy has been in touch with Josh Searle-White, District Executive, and we have confirmed a date for us to hold this type of workshop. I invite the congregation to join us on Saturday, Aug 16 at 10:00 am.

This workshop is typically offered in the first two months of a new minister's arrival. These workshops can be three to four hours long and generally involve an array of lay leaders and congregants, including past and present members of the Board, Committee on Ministry, transition team, and many others.

The workshop uses a combination of group exercises and discussion to explore the history of ministry in the congregation and asks participants to identify patterns in the relationships between ministers and the congregation. The workshop facilitator will invite participants to brainstorm important priorities for the first year in the interim ministry and to explore areas in which shared ministry between the congregation and its new minister needs clarification and focus. It concludes with the minister offering concrete information about the logistics of his or her work (office hours, Sundays off, staff supervision, etc.), and what aspects of congregational ministry most excite and challenge them. I hope you will all plan to join us for this great opportunity to get off to a healthy start.

I'm also excited to share with you that we have two qualified applicants for our DRE job posting. Selected members of the R.E. Council and the board will be meeting with our applicants the last two weeks in July. We will keep you updated on the interview process by way of our weekly community newsletter.

I will continue to keep the workshop and DRE applicants in our announcements so that we can reach as many members as possible. ~

*Colleen Dino*

# AUGUST FUNSHOPS

**Aug. 3 Service Trays with Robin Fink**

**Aug. 10 Singing with Jo and Al Murdoch**

**Aug. 17 Community Boxes with Zelma and Natalie**

**Aug. 24 Community Boxes cont. with Zelma and Natalie**

**Aug. 31 Activity to be determined with Sara Raymond**

## ***Small Group Ministry***

Do you ever wish you could discuss a sermon at church in more detail? Do you ever wish you had time to make connections to church members that lasted more than a few minutes over coffee? Do you ever want to share something that doesn't quite fit on those little pink slips? Small group ministry is designed to meet these wishes by providing a place and a structure for small groups of people to discuss spiritual topics, to build deep and lasting connections, to learn how to really listen to others, and to share their own stories. These facilitated groups generally consist of 6-10 members, meet every other week, and help people find both intimacy and ultimacy.

More than 60% of Universalist Unitarian congregations now have small group ministry programs, including the Oakland, Fremont, Alameda, San Francisco, Berkeley, Marin, San Mateo, Palo Alto, and San Jose congregations. These congregations report the following benefits:

- Connecting newcomers to the church community
- Spreading pastoral care to other people and venues
- Personal and spiritual growth for members
- Deepening of relationships
- Improving listening skills

Starr King UU Church is currently in the planning phase to expand its small group ministry program beyond the existing groups like Morning Discovery. We have launched a limited pilot program this summer and are planning a larger program this fall. If you are interested in learning more, please contact [sgm@starrking.org](mailto:sgm@starrking.org) and/or visit <http://www.smallgroupministry.net/>.

Small Group Ministry Planning Committee

Beth Ogilvie, Liz Macera, Doug Sprague, Kirk Klausmeyer

Our thoughts are with **Vern and Jackie Beggs** on the loss of Vern's granddaughter Amanda. 5

Long-time member **Frank Perry** died on June 27th. Frank was the President of the Board of Trustees twice. He will be missed.

Send healing thoughts to **Evelyn Cormier**. She recently fell and was in rehab. until the 19th of July. She is now recuperating at home and welcomes cards, calls and visits.



### Congratulations to:

**Tasha Casini** has graduated from UCSC.

**Amy Kinnear** celebrated her 30th birthday.

**Lisa Sciandra and Andrew Bronstein** are celebrating 10 years of marriage..



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# August Birthdays

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2	BOB STORTZ	21	REGINA FASSANO
13	AL MURDACH	25	GARALD MOSHER
13	JOHN GRUVER	26	JULIE WELLINGS-KUFTIN
16	TASHA CASINI	27	JENNIFER KONEY
18	LENA ROSE KIESLING	30	TERRY PRESTON

## HELP FOR SOUTHERN BORDER IMMIGRANTS

Dear Friends,

People have been asking how they can help out with the refugees coming into the states in our District and Region. Our congregations from San Diego County to Ventura County have been collecting needed items and connecting with refugees in the locations our government has placed them. We are also working with a number of local groups.

We have set up a Refugee Fund at the Pacific SouthWest District

<http://www.pswduua.org> for those that want to contribute money to help with the work with the refugees. Checks can be sent to the PSWD with Refugee Fund in the notes. They can be sent to:

PSWD-UUA

2052 Norma Street

Oxnard, CA 93036-2711

These funds will be shared with the groups we are working with who are working directly with the refugees.

If you have any questions write me at [uurev@aol.com](mailto:uurev@aol.com).

Ken

Rev. Ken Brown, District Executive

Pacific South-West District - UUA

# CIRCLE SUPPER Saturday, September 20

If you would like to have an evening of food and conversation with members of the church, please sign up for the potluck Circle Supper dinner.

You will bring an item of food to share, and the host will coordinate the meal. We have dinners that are family friendly. Also, we are always happy to have members volunteer to host dinner.

Please sign up prior to the middle of August, to allow time for coordinating the dinners. The sign up sheet for your name, email and food preferences will be in the fellowship hall.

Contact Joyce Kinnear at [joycekinnear@hotmail.com](mailto:joycekinnear@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**DO YOUR PART. HELP OUT STARR KING WITH A LITTLE TIME AND ENERGY**

**HERE ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED**

### **USHERS**

If you are interested in serving as an usher please contact Lavon Hodges at [LavonH6661@comcast.net](mailto:LavonH6661@comcast.net) or 510-487-8362.

### **FLOWERS**

Do you love flowers in the sanctuary? Do you have greenery and flowers growing in your yard? We would love to have your plants decorate our church. Please sign up this summer to bring a bouquet for the front of the sanctuary.

The sign up sheet is located on the back table of the social hall.

You may also dedicate your arrangement to a person/s and/or an occasion. This will be printed in the order of service.



## ***Honored Teacher Rev. angel Kyodo Williams (Kyodo Sensei)***

[www.transformativechange.org](http://www.transformativechange.org)

***Third Annual SKSM Symposium Transformative Change***

***August 27-28, 2014***

***An Urban Retreat –***

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[www.sksm.edu](http://www.sksm.edu)

***Symposium 2014 is convened by Dr. Ibrahim Abdurrahman Farajajé in collaboration with our President Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, the SKSM faculty and other community leaders. Symposium will be held at the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 685 14th St., Oakland, CA 94612***

# 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 Sat. August 16, 2014 At 7:00 P.M. "Mousehunt" (1997) Comedy About Two Brothers Vs. A Strong Willed Mouse After They Inherit A Valuable Mansion; Starring Nathan Lane, Lee Evans And Christopher Walken (Rated Pg). 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 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)

# HOW TO REACH US

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

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## Church Leadership

### Board of Trustees

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**Worship Committee** – Lu Middleton

### **Publishing Deadline:**

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