



# THE FLAMING CHALICE

**November WORSHIP THEME:**  
**COME, COME, WHOEVER YOU ARE**

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## Ashland Trip

We have had to reschedule our trip for May 2015. Details will be coming to us soon.

As always, remember that you can invite any friends that might be interested. The more the merrier!

We hope you will join us for this fun trip.

Terri Owen

## **NOVEMBER SERVICE PREVIEWS**

### **Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM**

Nov. 9 Dancing in the Chaos

Erica Ward, Master of Divinity student, Starr King School for the Ministry.

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Nov. 16 Looking Back, Living Forward

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Join us as we sing, share and celebrate our gratitude for the gifts of life. Our interim minister will offer a homily, Susan Merrill from South Hayward Parish will speak about their work, and we will collect food for the SHP pantry, as well as donate the plate collection to SHP.

Sunday, November 2 Alas For the Daisies: On Impermanence  
Rev. Joy Atkinson

The season is changing, some of the leaves are turning bright colors, and summer vegetation is dying back . Nothing lasts forever in this universe. Changes, little and big deaths and losses, are inevitable facts of life. And yet, as the poet Wallace Stevens wrote, "death is the mother of beauty." What would we really bother to do if we had an infinite amount of time to do it in? How can we cope with, and even learn to treasure, the changes and losses in our lives, and the stark fact of our own mortality?

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## Christmas Eve Service — Refreshments

If you are interested in bringing refreshments to our Christmas Eve Service, please contact Roy Dickerson at 510-786-2922 or [daesworkgd@comcast.net](mailto:daesworkgd@comcast.net).



**Join us for  
SKUU'S 60th Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday, Nov. 16**



The celebration will begin with the service, following with a sit-down luncheon and short program. There will be many displays, photos and the like. Tracing our 60 years of existence.

Please sign up for the luncheon on the back table.

It is being catered so we need a count ahead.

Also, if you are so inclined we are accepting donations for the meal. You can donate in the box on the back table.



# Your SKUU Board - Nov. 2014

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By Colleen Dino -  
Board President

I meet monthly with our V. President; Diana Dickerson, reviewing the duties of President; creating agendas; and addressing church issues. Diana was scheduled to chair the November board meeting, but has been put on hold for now due to a scheduling conflict. We will plan for another date in the near future.

At our October board meeting, we continue to find ways to improve our signage; to be more visible at night and making it easier for visitors to find us. Kirk Klausmeyer had presented an idea after our meeting, which will be reviewed at our November meeting. Kirk has mentioned that his sister, who is a graphic designer, might be willing to help us create a different design.

Reverend Joy and I continue to meet on a regular basis. This month we met to discuss the format and ideas for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event; attended one of her cottage meetings; and was invited to join in on the office staff meeting. At the staff meeting we updated the church calendar for the year and brought Joy up to date on our annual events. Please take time to review the calendar on our website at [www.starring.org](http://www.starring.org).

The finance committee held a meeting on Tuesday, Oct 15 and included Diana Dickerson and Reverend Joy. Marilyn will report from the meeting, changes to our accounts, Vanco, and donations that are earmarked.

I attended the R.E. Council meeting which was held on the same evening as the finance meeting. The committee has set some solid goals for the year, and realizes that member participation is a key part of the program. I joined in on the R.E. Information Meeting on Sunday, Oct 26 and was impressed with the creativity that was brought to the table. If you missed this meeting, please feel free to reach out to David Middleton or Rennie Tomley to find out more about how you or your committee can participate in the lives of our children and R.E. program. Doug Sprague has been working on a project called "Little Free Libraries"; a lending library for our children to offer to the community. Doug will be presenting this project to the board for approval on Thursday.

Pacific Central District held a leadership workshop at the UU Church of Berkley on Oct 26. It was a day of connecting with our neighboring congregations and a chance to think about what bold and brave leadership looks like. The members that attended are Beth Ogilvie, Diana Dickerson, Reverend Joy, and Colleen Dino. The group met to focus on some key points we took from the workshop. One will be to create a group to review and revise our church mission statement; the other will be working with R.E. on a community food drive. The group will meet again in December and we have invited our DRE; Rennie Tomley to join us.

The completed Personnel Manual was sent out to the board earlier this week for review. Diane Meyerson, member of the personnel committee will be attending our meeting to review any questions or changes to this document before we take a vote to make this policy. A copy of the personnel manual will be placed on google drive, and the paper form will be available in the conference room for anyone to access.

## **Committee updates:**

- Chalice newsletter – Kathryn Lamar has agreed to be a co-editor of the Chalice newsletter. Allison Prout has stepped up to assist with getting the newsletter out monthly on Constant Contact.
- Canvass Committee – Bob Britton and Diane Meyerson have agreed to be co-chair of our Canvass Committee. Canvass Kick-Off will be on Sunday, March 15, 2015.

*Warm regards,  
Colleen Dino*



# SKUU Religious Exploration News

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It has been a great few weeks getting to know so many of you. Thank you for such a warm welcome! I am really enjoying my time with the children on Sunday mornings, getting to know them better each week.

We are using the UUA curriculum Tapestry of Faith, *Signs of Being a UU Everyday*. This curriculum is geared for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and I am adapting it for both younger and older children and youth. There will be something for everyone in the weeks to come! In this program the children and youth will examine how their lives do and can exhibit UU traits and values, and they will come to understand that their faith is a living faith whose histories and teachings are fortifications for living faithfully in a complex world.

Upcoming topics for RE classes in November are:

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>: As Unitarian Universalists, we believe life is sacred---not only human life, but all life that shares our planet. This session also looks at traditions and rituals to welcome new life into families and faith communities. We will be practicing a special song that will be presented at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>!!

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>: As Unitarian Universalists, we believe members of communities take care of each other. This session identifies ways we care for others in our families, at school, in the congregation, and in the wider world. Children learn about Unitarian Universalist ritual of sharing our joys and concerns. We will decorate candles to take home.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: We will discuss the history of SKUU and create a special timeline poster to display at SKUU for all to see, and for all to add special thoughts.

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>: This Sunday will be an Intergenerational Service. The children will read a story " *We Are Thankful Each Day*" to the congregation during this special service.

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>: The children and youth will explore contexts in which they can practice sharing as sign of Unitarian Universalist faith. They discuss ways they share with family, friends, neighbors, the congregation, and the world. Children learn about the flower, water, and bread rituals of Unitarian Universalist congregations and discover how these rituals highlight sharing as a UU value. We will be planting seeds and use the flowers for our flower ceremony in the Spring.

For more information or questions, please contact Rennie Tomley, Director of Religious Exploration at [dreskuu@gmail.com](mailto:dreskuu@gmail.com) or call 925-485-3652.



# 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 Sat. Oct. 18, 2014 At 7:00 P.M. "Captain America: the Winter Soldier" (2014) well written action-fantasy about a super hero facing danger ; starring Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson and Robert Redford (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** Regretfully, due to poor attendance, SKIFFLE is taking at least a hiatus.

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

**STARR KING CHOIR** Rehearsal times are set as needed. For information, please contact Jo Murdach at [jo71murdach@yahoo.com](mailto:jo71murdach@yahoo.com) or 510-581-6794

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# HOW TO REACH US

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**Church Office Hours** 7  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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## Church Leadership

### Board of Trustees

President:	Colleen Dino
Vice President:	Diana Dickerson
Secretary:	Frank Burton
Treasurer	Marilyn Moser
At Large	Wayne Bennion Lea Casini Betsy Dye Stuart Fink Heidi Green Kirk Klausmeyer
Office Manager	Kelli Abatangelo
Interim Minister	Rev. Joy Atkinson
DRE	Rennie Tomley,

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## Positions

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**Adult Religious Education** – Jennifer Koney

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

**Buildings** – Bobby Robinson

**Chalice Editor** – Georgia Gruver

**Church Website** – Beth Ogilvie

**Committee Council** – Diana Dickerson

**Communications Comm.** – Melody Appleton

**FESCO Rep.**– Jennifer Koney

**Finance Committee**— Keith Lewis

**Fundraising Committee**– Karen Cook

**Green Sanctuary Committee**– Colleen Saia

**Grounds Care**– Walt Korus

**Hospitality/Membership** – Dirk Dino

**Interior** – Sherry Thomas

**Justice Alliance**—Frank Burton

**Nominating Committee** – Rebecca Parr

**Pastoral Care Committee**– Karen Cook

**R.E. Council** – David Middleton

**Social** – Joyce Kinnear

**Social Justice Committee**– Mary Swain

**South Hayward Parish Bd. Rep.**– Terry Owen

**Sunday Coffee** – Roy Dickerson

**Usher Coordinator**—Lavon Hodges

**Worship Committee** – Lu Middleton

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### **Publishing Deadline:**

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Please put all contributions in writing & keep articles under 500 words.

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