



Newsletter

*Starr King
Unitarian Universalist
Church of
Hayward, California*

July 2017

THE FLAMING CHALICE

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Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9:30am – 2:30pm

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Sunday Worship, 10:30am

July 2: Patriotism

Pulpit guest **Bob Meyerson** explores the various meanings of patriotism in the context of Independence Day. He will focus on how the word has been defined throughout American history, with special emphasis on the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

July 9: Spiritual Tools To Help Us Survive & Thrive

Guest speaker **Rev. Helen McFadyen** offers an A-Z practical assortment of spiritual tools for everyday life and for coping with our most vulnerable times.

July 16: The Great Red Scare with Al Murdach

It's 1920. World War I is over but the country is in turmoil. The government fears violent revolution and wants to deport all radicals. What should UU's do? Come hear some answers and be surprised!

July 23: Circle Dance with Maureen Atkins

Come prepared to move! Older children are welcome to participate in the dances.

July 30: The Meaning of Life, One Situation at a Time with Glen Jacob

Our annual improvised service! Many of the service elements will be created on the spot. Let us explore how we deal with life in this fun, yet meaningful, act of creation.

From the Minister



We welcome **Reverend María Cristina** home from the General Assembly in New Orleans. She is now enjoying her well-deserved summer break.

If you find yourself missing her inspiring voice, remember that you can [listen to past worship services on the website](#).

And if any urgent matters come up, please contact the office or **Karen Cook** of the Pastoral Care Committee at cookstortz@aol.com.



Board Chair's Report

Outgoing President's Report for July 2017



As our church settles into the summer schedule the leadership roles are rotating for a new fiscal year. The board leadership is on a 2-year rotation and this July is our turning point. We are lucky to have **Will Fitch** moving into the role of President of the Board. Our new newly elected Vice President is **Jennifer Koney**. Fortunately, **Marilyn Mosher**, our Treasurer, and **Frank Burton**, our Secretary, will stay with us.

This has been an amazing time for me. I feel more strongly attached to SKUUC. There are so many things that we are working on, it seems impossible. So many of you give so much of your talent, your strength and your gifts that you make things work. I have received so much support from all of you that it made my contribution relatively easy.

We still have lots of things to do and areas to grow in. Now that I know you so much better, I know that we can make great things happen.

Thank you all, **Diana Dickerson**

Starr King News

Peace & Justice Action Team Report: Hayward to Become a Sanctuary City

Starr King continues to take the lead in immigration and racial justice work in Hayward. We led the way on the Anti-Discrimination Action Taskforce's consideration of whether or not to recommend that Hayward declare itself a Sanctuary City, which led to a 17 yeas to 1 abstention vote to recommend that the City Council declare Hayward to be a Sanctuary City.

Then a dozen or more Starr King members showed up when the City Council held the public hearing on June 6th on the Sanctuary City issue, with four of us speaking during the hearing, of course favoring the declaration. Here's the way **Mayor Barbara Halliday** talked during the NAACP/Chapel of the Chimes Clergy Appreciation Dinner a few days later about our participation:

*"[A]lthough I strongly support the doctrine of separation of church and state, I very much acknowledge and appreciate the important role that our clergy and faith community play in Hayward. Regarding **Starr King Church** and pastor **María Cristina**, I noted her eloquent contribution to the discussion about sanctuary cities at the June 6th meeting and Starr King's long history of support for human rights in the Hayward area."*

The vote by the City Council was unanimous on June 6th to declare Hayward to be a Sanctuary City, standing in solidarity with all residents of Hayward.

We'll continue to be part of Hayward's addressing issues which come up regarding our Sanctuary City status. The City has asked for volunteers on the Anti-Discrimination Task Force to address ongoing issues arising around Sanctuary City status, and we've stepped up to be part of that.

Frank Burton, Chair



On June 25 we were blessed with lovely music from the Vineyard Woodwind Quintet, featuring (left to right) Marcia Powers, Lynn Stasko, our own **Lea Casini**, Larry George, and Cyndy Salmon.

June Service Auction Raised Over 10K!

Thanks to everyone who contributed services and items: **Colleen Dino** for her skills of persuasion and organization, the auctioneers, bartender, food providers, sound tech and data recorders, and setter-uppers and cleaner-uppers. And most of all to the folks who attended, had fun, and exercised their bank accounts!

For information about your contributions and purchases, consult **Nancy Harrison**.

Adult Religious Education Update

Adult Education – Fall

Last spring, in our survey, in addition to wanting to know more about other religious traditions, the Congregation wanted a deeper understanding of “UUism.” **Karen Cook** provided us with a resource on the UUA Website entitled “The New UU,” which will serve as the foundation for a series of six sessions:

- September 17 Theology and Worship
- October 15 Where Do We Come From? Unitarian Universalist Roots
- November 19 How We Grow in Faith – Philosophy of Religious Education
- December 17 Social Justice Philosophy and Practice
- January 21 How are Decisions Made? Governance and Philosophy
- February 18 Membership

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room. Please join us.

Diane Meyerson, Kathryn LaMar, Shelia McClellan, Ethel May Shaw, and Mileva Saulo Lewis

Website Lessons

Good news: our website has lots of information and resources! But how do you find all this great stuff?

If you need some help getting started, check out [Lessons on Using the Website](#). There are helpful tips for both new and more experienced users. Big thanks to **Nancy Harrison** for the lessons and all her website work!



Announcements

Castro Valley Pride, Saturday July 8th

There will be a Starr King booth at this event at Castro Valley High School. If you can help set up, volunteer time at the booth, tear down at the end, or help in any way, please sign up at the back tables in the fellowship room. You can contact **Doris Wolff** for more information.

There will also be a PFLAG booth. Please contact **Ruth DeSmidt** for more information about the PFLAG booth.

Volunteers Needed

South Hayward Parish (SHP) needs volunteers to wash towels from the showers. If interested, please contact **Ralph Morales** at 510-785-3663.

It's Summer Funshop Time!

Do you have a talent that you would like to share with the children of our congregation? Summer Funshops are a great way to get involved with the kids in a limited fashion. You choose your subject and a partner and wow the kids with music, dance, food, crafts, drama, technology or whatever else you love to do. Signup board is in Fellowship Hall. Just choose a date and you're all set.

Sunday Coffee Sign-ups Needed

You can sign up individually or as a committee to help with Sunday Coffee set-up, refreshments, or clean-up. Please get in touch with **Roy Dickerson** for more information. Let's make this happen!

Raise Money for Starr King

Register for eScrip and Shop Locally

We get 3% of your total purchases at:

- Lucky
- Food Maxx
- Save Mart
- Black Angus, 15800 Hesperian Boulevard, San Lorenzo
- Ghazni Afghan Kabobs, 1235 A Street, Hayward

To create an account at <http://www.escrip.com>, choose "Starr King Unitarian Church" as the non-profit to receive benefits, and enter the phone number(s) you have linked with your Lucky Rewards account.

If you don't have a Lucky Rewards account, create it here:

<https://www.luckysupermarkets.com/rewards/my-rewards#Account>.

Then anytime you use that phone number when you make your purchase at Lucky, Starr King will get credit.

Open Position: Church Pianist

Under the direct supervision of the minister, the Church Pianist serves as soloist and accompanist for Sunday morning services, choir rehearsals, and some special services. The beginning salary is \$500 per month. Each year, the pianist plays at 40 services, accompanies the choir, including 20 one-hour rehearsals that precede the service, and attends monthly staff meetings. For each service, the pianist provides suitable pre-service music, a prelude, an offertory, and a postlude, and leads/accompanies the congregation in hymns or other music chosen collaboratively. Contact **Diane Meyerson**, 510-786-7784, ddmeyerson@zoho.com.

Required Skills and Qualifications

- Experience as an accompanist, preferably in a church setting
- Good sight-reading skills
- Ability to read and play from open choral scores
- Broad knowledge of standard piano repertoire
- Ability to select music suitable to the theme of the service
- Ability to work collaboratively and supportively with amateurs

Desirable Skills and Qualifications

- Ability to play multiple genres
- Ability and willingness to direct the choir at rehearsals and performances.



Try something new this summer!

Ongoing Activities

Church Bookstore	Open on the third Sunday of the month, after the service
Drum Circle	First Friday of the month, 7 – 9pm, in the Sanctuary. For adults and mature kids.
Evening Meditation	Every Wednesday, 7:30 – 8:45pm. Open to all.
Elderberries	Third Wednesday of the month, at noon. For self-identified elders. Bring your lunch.
Small Group Ministry	Contact sgm@starrking.org for more information.
SKIT Improv Troupe	Second Thursday of the month, 7:30pm. Open to all.

Starr King Church Calendar

For details about these activities, go to www.starrking.org/calendar and hover your cursor over an event.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30am Worship Service	3 6:30pm Rainbow Group LGBT NA	4 10:30am Safety Committee	5 7:15pm SGM 7:30pm Evening Meditation	6 7pm Board of Trustees Meeting	7 7pm Drumming Circle	8 12pm CV Pride
9 10:30am Worship Service 12:15pm Peace and Justice Action Team	10	11 11am Adult RE	12 12pm SGM 3pm Pastoral Care Committee 7:30pm Evening Meditation	13 7:30pm SKIT	14	15 7pm Reader's Theater Rehearsal
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