



## Newsletter

***Starr King Unitarian-  
Universalist Church of  
Hayward, California***

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# THE FLAMING CHALICE

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9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

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## ***Sunday Worship: 10:30 am August Service Preview***

**August 6. Passion and Spirituality. Lori Miller.**

"Where does your passion take you?" exploring what you are passionate about and how it connects with your spirituality

**August 13: Jonah's World Today. Pulpit Guest: Ed Vaughan, PhD., Professor of Sociology Emeritus at University of Missouri-Columbia**

Ed will use the book of Jonah to show how biblical materials are frequently misunderstood. He will show that the writer was being reflective about Israel's behavior and will draw several parallels to our current social and cultural conflicts.

**August 20: The Perfect Minister. Glen Jacob, Bob Myerson, and Worship Committee**

Join us as we explore the nature and practice of ministry, and if there really is such a thing as "The Perfect Minister."

**August 27: Summer of Love. Bob Simoni**

Come relive memories

from the Summer of Love—50 years ago. In this non-traditional church service, we'll intersperse sung and recorded music from the era, including the musical *Hair* and songs by the *Mamas and Papas*. Instead of a sermon, we'll have short presentations by people who came of age during that time, including one person who lived on Haight Street in 1967 and another who regretfully passed on going to Woodstock. All are welcome! Stay for the multi-cultural transformation workshop from 12 to 3:30 pm!



**Bill & Ruth lead music**

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## Wheel of Life

- Our thoughts go out to Mary Lasack after the death of her father.
- Betsy Dye traveled back east to see niece Chloe graduate from Drexell University. Congratulations to Chloe!
- Georgia Gruver is now home and regaining her strength after a bout with pneumonia.
- Kathryn Lamar is recuperating from a fall that broke her nose.
- Mileva and Keith Lewis will be moving to a smaller home at the beginning of August.

## August Birthdays

Date	Name	Date	Name
2-Aug	Joyce Kinnear	19-Aug	Frank Burton
2-Aug	Bob Stortz	20-Aug	Marge Schwab
4-Aug	Sylvia Blake	21-Aug	Regina Fassano
13-Aug	Al Murdach	25-Aug	Garald Mosher
13-Aug	John Gruver	27-Aug	Jennifer Koney
16-Aug	Tasha Casini	30-Aug	Terry Preston
18-Aug	Lena Rose Kiesling		

## **From the Minister, Rev. Maria Cristina Vlassidis Burgoa**



Reverend María Cristina is continuing her 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](mailto:cookstortz@aol.com)

## ***Report from the Board of Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church (SKUUC); August 2017***

For most of us it is a time for vacations and enjoying these warm summer days, hopefully with something cool to drink and good to eat after spending time in the sun. For the church, it is a time of both rest and transition as our minister is on vacation. Our new board met for the first time on July 6th (welcoming Jennifer Koney, Mary Lou Schuler, and Roy Dickerson into our ranks, and thanking departing members Betsy Dye, Stuart Fink, and Diana Dickerson). Many of us are on vacation so the church pews aren't quite as full but for those who are present the commitment and enthusiasm is not diminished. Those who are in lay leadership have taken the responsibility of continuing to provide meaningful services giving insights, challenges, and new experiences to our world view.

To the congregation, we both congratulate and thank you for the time, energy, love, and nourishment you so willingly give. It is our experiences that, while taking a toll, also enrich us. In reaching out to others we get friendship in return. In giving something, we receive so much more. This summer and in the coming year consider how much you have received when you participate; the friendships which have deepened, the self-discovery you have experienced, and the gray cells that have woken up.

For those of you who have time and have held back, consider volunteering for a summer fun-shop, a committee, doing coffee, or other activity. We can use your help and you will be the richer for it. If you could spare a few extra dollars we could use them, they are tax deductible, and those dollars benefit you and all of us in many ways. What we would like is to fund the requests that you, the congregation, have made; the very real needs of our buildings and grounds, and to make a real difference in the community.



**The Board is working on a few ongoing projects:**

- We are looking at the oak trees that overhang our neighbors' yards on Reyna Drive, and seeing what we need to do to be good neighbors and reduce the overhang. Bob Britton is winning the good neighbor award with his thorough diligence in leading that effort.
- We have been working on sharing our light by making Starr King ready to rent to groups during the week. If you know of anyone hosting an event, let them know our beautiful, peaceful grounds are available. Kirk Klausmeyer has been spear-heading this effort and has gotten our rental posted online.
- We will be forming a fund-raising committee to find alternatives to having an auction every year. Jennifer Koney, our brand-new vice president, jumped in with both feet during her first meeting and volunteered to approach members of the congregation to add their creativity to the committee.
- The Personnel Committee, with Board liaison Sherry Thomas, is leading the search for, not one, but two pianists. They have successfully identified a summer pianist, and are still in search for a permanent one. Please let Sherry know if you have suggestions.
- Roy Dickerson and Heidi Green took on the role of monthly Chalice communication with all of you. Please let us know if there are other aspects of the Board you'd like to learn more about.

Everyone on the Board is happy to take your feedback about how things are going and hear suggestions for what you'd like to see happening here and church and in our community efforts. Please reach out to any of us to make sure your voice is heard.

In service,

Will Fitch, Jennifer Koney, Roy Dickerson, Bob Britton, Frank Burton, Mary Lou Schuler, Kirk Klausmeyer, Marilyn Mosher, Sherry Thomas, Heidi Green, and Rev. Maria Cristina

***RE Reflections for August 2017***  
***By Allison Prout***



It's Summer Funshop Time! Check out the board in the Fellowship Hall to see what is coming up each week and whether volunteers are needed to assist in the class. Enjoy the rest of your summer! Allison Prout



## What's New With FESCO? By Kathryn Lamar

- Thursday, July 20, FESCO dedicated the remodel of Les Marquis House with a reception featuring representatives from the City of Hayward, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and Home Aid of Northern California. The remodel included a beautiful new kitchen, refinishing of the original hardwood floors that were not replaced, a gorgeously furnished family room, and replacement of an office (relocated to Greg Smith Center) with a new bedroom for a client family. All told, the \$40,000 remodel was accomplished by Home Aid at no cost to FESCO! Congratulations to all.
- At the SKUUC annual meeting and in our annual report, I noted that FESCO was beginning discussions with an undisclosed partner to explore a potential strategic alliance. Both Boards have now approved the discussions and have signed a memorandum of understanding for the process, so we can now divulge our potential partner—LA FAMILIA! The discussions are projected to last approximately six months, so by the end of the year we should be able to share the results and plans moving forward.
- The 2017 Shuffle raised close to \$56,000. Thanks to all participants and volunteers.
- The Backpack Drive culminates on August 19, at Eden UCC, when 100 backpacks provided by Life Chiropractic College will be custom-fit to their recipients (FESCO residents in K-12); the backpacks are filled with the necessary school supplies by volunteers from the participating groups and congregations—if you have not already signed up to fill a specific backpack and still want to donate, just send money to Stephanie Miller at FESCO.
- Our own Felicia Quijano is working this summer on her Girl Scout Gold project—providing fun, science projects to FESCO residents on Wednesday evenings. I believe she has asked for help from any SKUUC volunteers, so please help if you can.



## Announcements

**August 27, noon to 3:30; Multicultural Transformation workshop** led by Rev. Jonipher Kwong, Congregational Life Staff, Pacific Western Region.

### Raise Money for Starr King by Registering for eScrip and shopping locally.

We get 3% of your total purchases at grocery stores like Lucky, Food Maxx and Save Mart, as well as many local restaurants, such as Black Angus on Hesperian and Ghazni (the Afghani restaurant near A St and 2nd Street in 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 the related phone number when you make your purchase at Lucky, Starr King will get credit.



*Attendees of Donnie Rett's Flower Pressing Class*

*Qirvah Community and Starr King School for the Ministry invite you to a:*

## Dhikr/Dveikut

(sacred ecstatic musical service)

Building a multi-faith community through participatory  
sacred ecstatic chant, music, and movement

**When:** 7:30pm, Saturday, August 19, 2017

**Where:** Starr King School for the Ministry  
(2441 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94611)

**Who:** Qirvah Ensemble  
-Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David  
-Zameret Juli Moscovitz  
-Sheikh Rashid Patch

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** [tsvi.bardavid@gmail.com](mailto:tsvi.bardavid@gmail.com)



# Church Calendar for August 2017

For details about these activities, go to [www.starrking.org/calendar](http://www.starrking.org/calendar), and hover your cursor over an event.

August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 * 7:15 pm SGM Evenings * 7:30 pm Evening Meditation	3 * 7 pm Board of Trustee's Meeting	4 * 7 pm Drumming Circle	5
6 * 10:30 am Worship Service * 11:30 am Financial Review Meeting	7	8 * 11 am Adult RE	9 * 12 noon SGM Daytime * 3 pm Pastoral Care Committee * 7 pm Committee Council * 7:30 pm Evening Meditation	10 * 7:30 pm SKIT	11	12 * 3 pm Choir Party/Meeting
13 * 10:30 am Worship Service	14	15	16 * 12 noon Elders Meeting * 7 pm RE Council * 7:15 pm SGM Evenings * 7:30 pm Evening Meditation	17 * 7 pm Worship Committee	18	19 * 6 pm Game Night
20 * 10:30 am Worship Service * 12 noon Church Bookstore Open * 12:15 pm Peace & Justice Action Team	21	22	23 * 12 noon SGM Daytime * 7:30 pm Evening Meditation	24 * 7 pm ARMCA	25	26
27 * 10:30 am Worship Service * 11:30 am Micro-Aggression Workshop * 12 noon; Multi-cultural Transformation workshop	28	29	30 * 7:30 pm Evening Meditation	31		

## ***Starr King UU Church Ongoing Activities***

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Event Schedule</b>
<b><i>Church Bookstore</i></b>	Open on the third Sunday of the month, after the service.
<b><i>Drum Circle</i></b>	Meets on the first Friday of the month, from 7 to 9 pm, in the Sanctuary. Open to all adults and mature children.
<b><i>Evening Meditation</i></b>	Meets every Wednesday, from 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Open to all.
<b><i>Starr King Elderberries</i></b>	Meets on the third Wednesday at noon. Bring your lunch. Open to all self-identified elders.
<b><i>Small Group Ministry</i></b>	For more info please contact Diane Meyerson or Bob Britton. (Contact <a href="mailto:sgm@starrking.org">sgm@starrking.org</a> for more information).
<b><i>SKIT (Starr King Improv Troupe)</i></b>	Meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. Open to all.