



STARR KING
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Flaming Chalice August 2024 Newsletter

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August Worship Services:

Please see our website for an up-to-date listing of upcoming worship services.

July Highlights

Church members showed up for a clean energy protest in San Francisco - with our new banner!



Our colorful table at Castro Valley Pride! 🏳️‍🌈



Notes from the Board

Mileva Saulo Lewis, President

First, a Big Thank You to all who have assured that worship continues while our minister is on a well-deserved vacation. Whether you've been in the pulpit, at the piano, making coffee, bringing snacks, washing dishes, providing flowers, attending the sound booth, tending the candles, serving as a worship leader or associate, we are grateful for your ministry. We appreciate those who assist Tanya in the nurturing of UU values in our children. We're grateful for staff, Emily, Tanya, and Patrick who continue to do their work in an exemplary fashion.

Second, there are others who bring in the mail, tend the grounds, take out the recycling/garbage, record your pledges, and pay the bills.

Third, I hope that if you're having a "staycation," that this is a time for rest and rejuvenation. If you're traveling, we look forward to your returning and hearing stories about your travels. **Don't forget to bring water for our Ingathering and Water Communion on 8 September.**

Finally, we are deeply grateful to Nathan and Kelly whose efforts from Denmark keep us connected across the miles. Tusind tak!



Announcements

Special Service: Labor Day Sunday September 1

Let America Be America Again
Led by Bob Britton

"America never was America to me, and yet, I swear this oath - America will be!"
-Langston Hughes

Join us on Labor Day Sunday, our annual celebration of live music and poetry readings centered on social justice and hope. This is the most important election of our lifetime. Don't let it be the last! Come and be inspired!

SPECIAL PLATE: The offertory will be donated to Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ).



SKUUC Service Auction 2024 Update

**Monday 14 October to Saturday 19 October
Virtual Only**

The service auction is our largest, most engaging, and fun event. It is scheduled every two years. Without a doubt the service auction is a lot of work. It organizes many talents of many people and ignites the generosity of the entire congregation. In the end, it is gratifying as money is earned for the church and congregants make exciting plans for purchased and donated gatherings over the next two years.

After careful consideration we recommend a virtual only event because:

- the results of the 2020 virtual auction exceeded the 2022 hybrid auction
- a virtual-only auction is more manageable than a combination of on-line and live event

Help Needed

As many of you know, I am chairing the search committee for the contact minister. Because the timeframes for the auction and the search overlap, I will limit my involvement with the service auction.

Terri Owen, who was instrumental in the success of both the 2020 and 2022 auctions, has volunteered to be a co-chair of the service auction. Each of you made remarkable contributions to past service auctions. **We hope that you will also contribute your skills and experience to the success of the 2024 service auction.**

We look forward to your involvement with the 2024 auction. Please let us know your level of interest. We are grateful for your consideration to join the team.

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Family Camp-out

There's a Family Camp-out on August 10th. Families should get in touch with Tanya at dre@starrking.org if their children are interested in joining the fun.

Ongoing Activities

Children & Youth

Children meet every Sunday from 10:30-11:30am in person. Youth meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm on Zoom. Contact: [Tanya Webster](#)

Evening Meditation

On vacation for August. Starting on September 4th: every Wednesday 7-8:30 pm, on Zoom. Open to all. Visitors welcome. Contact: [Diane Meyerson](#)

Board Meeting

First Tuesday of the month, 4:00–5:30 pm on Zoom. Open to all. Contact: [Mileva Saulo Lewis](#)

Peace and Justice Action Team

Second Sunday of the month after worship (after a 15-20 minute break) in a hybrid model via Zoom using the same link as the service.

Starr King Singers

Sundays before the service from 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Starr King Choir

Every Monday 7:15-8:15 pm. (Paused June–August)

Contact: [Linli Wang](#)

Small Group Ministry

Contact: [Terry Hunt](#) or [Mileva Saulo Lewis](#)

Adult RE

Check our website for upcoming opportunities:

<https://starrking.org/adult-programs>

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Notice anything new? Yes - the monthly newsletter! Please let our office administrator Emily know if you have any accessibility challenges with the new format.

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