



The Flaming Chalice

NEWSLETTER OF STARR KING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH JANUARY 2007

A Month of Sundays

January Celebration Previews

Two Sunday Services at 9:30 A.M. & 11 A.M.

7: *Fire Communion: A Ceremony for Letting Go* (Rev. Katie Kandarian) Each year we observe this popular ritual: We place something on paper that we would like to rid ourselves of and ceremonially burn it away. How might we take the ritual more to heart and seriously consider what it is we might leave behind? Do we have bad habits the letting go of which might leave us with better lives? Come, join us for the powerful communion of fire.

Immediately following each service, the minister will hold a brief informational session in the Library for those with questions about Unitarian Universalism or interested in membership.

14: *The Creatively Maladjusted* (Rev. Katie Kandarian) Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted." Just who was he speaking of? As we prepare for our Martin Luther King, Jr. march, let us remember all that he asked of us. We will be joined today by guest musician Hans York. *Chalice Deadline.*

Monday 15 January 2007 • 9:30 A.M.

Hayward City Hall Plaza

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday March & Rally

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21: *From a Proud Line of Heretics* (Rev. Katie Kandarian) To be a heretic is to be one who chooses. How is our Unitarian and Universalist history defined by the heretic's vision? What does our present and future hold for the heretic?

Bookstore Open.

28: *Why Do I Have to Believe This?* (Dr. David Sammons) In both current conversations and looking back at UU history, particularly our theological development, there seems to be pressure to believe. Yet Emerson said we could intuit right and wrong, that we didn't need the Bible — or a fear, even a love, of God — to communicate it to us.



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New Dedication to This Work!

There is a saying that many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits. But I don't agree. I truly believe that people want to be rid of certain things in their lives, and the New Year is a perfect opportunity to make changes we'd like; some just aren't so easy, that's all. Old habits *are* hard to break, especially the older we get. A New Year is also a time to take stock: of what we've got, where we are going, and how we've done up till now. It lets us review what is around us and how we might influence it for the better.



I look at my ministry this way. There have always been joys as well as challenges along the way, as in any aspect of a full and rich life. Yet in the life of my ministry, this is a particularly good place. I am entering into "mid-phase," a time of enrichment and deepening, of finding my stride not only in the congregation, but also in the community and in our Unitarian Universalist movement.

I have recently enjoyed serving on various committees such as our district UU Ministers Association Executive Committee, Growth Committee and Nominating Committee, as well as a turn sitting on the Association's Ministerial Fellowship Committee. These have been wonderful ways to stay connected and committed to our institution's work and its vision.

In the local community, I continue to be integrally involved on the South Hayward Parish Board, which is currently doing important, innovative work with the day laborers along the Tennyson corridor. We are making new discoveries about how to best serve this immigrant population and how to navigate the politically delicate landscape of our city. South Hayward Parish has hired our former intern, the Rev. Jeff Lambkin, to do some of this community ministry.

Here in church, while I continue to do ministry in all areas, I am especially enjoying the work of our Worship team, a group that is dedicated to new learning.

I, too, am dedicated to the learning and loving the learning, and I feel a passion for the learning. I've always been a big fan of the Marge Piercy poem that says, "The work of the world is common as mud, botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust. But the thing worth doing well done, has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident."

In the New Year, I wish you new learning, new dedication, new passion!

Love, *Katie*

Wheel of Life

*Please send information to the Pastoral Care Committee.
Good news is welcomed, as well as your sorrows.*

- ☺ Bob Stortz had a successful hip replacement and is recovering at home. Please send cards; visits and candles lit are all welcome.
- ☺ Suzanne Hicks is recovering nicely at home from some welcomed surgery.
- ☺ We mourn the loss of our longtime devoted member, Jessie Lavender, whose memorial service was held 16 December at the church.
- ☺ Our longtime member Renate Ornea is homebound but still welcoming visitors. She has appreciated your cards, visits and caring.
- ☺ A number of members are suffering with some level of depression. We keep these folks in our hearts as they struggle for relief.
- ☺ Dick Marshall is recovering from cataract surgery.
- ☺ Our pianist, Inna Tenenbaum, is healing nicely after ankle replacement surgery. We hope to see her back with us soon.

*We hold all these people
in our good thoughts and prayers.*

January Birthdays

Best birthday wishes to . . .



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| 6 | Will Osuna |
| 7 | Julia Cady |
| 7 | Walt Korus |
| 13 | Jay Durant |
| 13 | Munro Van Sweringen |
| 13 | Doris Haskell |
| 18 | Sophiana Carrell |
| 25 | Debbie Frederick |
| 30 | Ben Matthews |

Across the Generations

One of the best things about Starr King Church is the interaction among people of all ages. I have enjoyed getting to know many of our more senior members. I am interested in the life of anyone who has lived a long, noteworthy life. It turns out that everyone's life is noteworthy.

I want to start an occasional feature here of interviews with our more senior members of Starr King Church. I was talking with Pat Kellner recently about this idea. She readily agreed to be the first interview. At the end of November 2006 I sat down with Pat to ask about her life from birth to the present. I recorded that interview; what follows is a small summary. I would like to start a church library of member oral histories.

Pat Kellner's Story

Pat was born on Mother's Day, 14 May 1922 in Petaluma, California. That makes her 84 years old and coming up on 85 this spring. What really stands out in Pat's memory of childhood is that her mother (Lilly Irene Goree, born 2 February 1896 in Frost, Texas) had what we would now call "a personality disorder." Pat says it was like sitting on a volcano. To deal with the situation, Pat developed a sense of humor, and that pleased her mother. Pat says her father (Rolland Hills, born 11 September 1899 in Kansas) also acted the clown, so there was a lot of laughter in the house despite her mother's at-times-troubled emotional state.

Pat grew up in Petaluma. She lived on "I" Street and graduated from high school in 1940. She went to one of the first community colleges, in Santa Rosa. Though her family was by no means wealthy, they decided to invest in Pat's future and raised the money necessary for her to attend a prestigious and expensive private university. Pat says her drama teacher at the University of Southern California was drunk most of the time. He believed he could make a great actor out of anyone by breaking them down until, angry or in tears, they then would give the performance of their lives. She says that is what he tried to do with her, and he "almost succeeded."

Pat graduated from USC. She stayed on an extra year to get a teaching credential, then took her first teaching job in Sacramento. When her father died, Pat came home to care for her mother. On 18 December 1949 she married Lloyd John Kellner (known as "Kell"). Pat and Kell lived with her mother in Petaluma while Pat taught school in Sonoma and Kell, a veteran, went to Santa Rosa Junior College to get his teaching degree. Kell got a job at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland and they moved to Berkeley in 1951.



In 1953 their first son, Clinton Victor Kellner, was born. They moved to an Oakland apartment, and in a short time were able to buy a house in San Lorenzo. Pat worked in her home until in 1962 she took part-time work as a substitute teacher in the San Lorenzo School District. She says she got tired of the poverty of only one income. She did this for the next ten years. She told her students, "Well, it's the bottom of the barrel today." Actually, many teachers requested her, and the kids liked her because they thought she was "cool."

In 1956, son Christopher John Kellner was born. Both of Pat's sons have PhDs. Christopher is an ornithologist, Clinton an entomologist. Katherine Irene Kellner, born in 1959, took after Pat's interest in drama and works in theater.

Politically, Pat describes herself as "on the left, probably more than most members of our congregation." Her parents were Republicans; she had no political identification as a teen. In her senior year of high school, a teacher told the class they should read ideas different from their own. Pat read a book about Franklin Roosevelt. Amazed, she grew to admire Roosevelt but did not tell her Republican parents. At USC a political science professor had worked in the Roosevelt Administration. At that point she wrote home about her changing thinking. Her parents eventually also became Democrats.

She remembers vividly the assassinations of the Kennedys, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. Though those events were tragedies, Pat remembers the era as a time of hope, the best era of her life because of progress in Civil Rights, particularly the Voting Rights Act. The downside was the Vietnam War. She got involved in an Episcopal church because the minister was vocally anti-war. She loved his sermons and the social justice work, but she did not like the rituals or the creed. She always thought she should be going to a Unitarian Church. Meeting minister Mark Belletini in the late 1970s led Pat to start attending and then to join Starr King.

What Pat likes about Starr King is that you don't have to believe in anything you don't. She likes the emphasis on nature and caring for the earth. Most of all she likes Morning Discovery. She lauds Carol Henrie, the Morning Discovery facilitator, as "so bright," "so hard working" and "kind." Starr King has been a big help to Pat, and she is grateful for the support she receives.

Pat's advice to young people: Don't be afraid of failure. She still enjoys learning. She encourages everyone to open themselves to new ideas, except those that are harmful to others. Ever hopeful, she still wishes fervently for the end to wars.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The letters are stylized and cursive.



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Children's Religious Education

Karen Kramer, Religious Education Coordinator

Hello 2007! Goodbye 2006. I hope you all had a happy, healthy 2006 and enjoyed our December festivities (thank you, of course, to all of you who helped). My wish for us all is 2007 is not just health and happiness, but more compassion for all.

In that vein, our Children's Social Justice Sunday on 7 January will be about having compassion and understanding for all, including Christians. We will teach about Christianity, then see how we may find the common ground between fundamentalists and liberals, versus just focusing on our differences. I know this is an issue in our religiously divided family. Is it with your family or friends? So please bless us all.

Now for the January class schedule. Except as noted, children meet in the Sanctuary with their parents and process to their classrooms or activity after the *Story for All Ages*:

- 7 January: *Social Justice Sunday* with Susan Clark
Meet in library.
An exploration of Christianity.
- 14 January: RE Curriculum
Meet in classrooms.
Jr Hi begins *Words to Live By*
- 21 January: RE Curriculum
Meet in classrooms.
- 28 January: Children's Worship with Doug Sprague
Meet in library.
Poetry. Children are invited to contribute their writings or a favorite poem.

Babies & Toddlers meets in Fahs Cottage with Amy Kinnear and Tobi Stevens.

Pre-K / Kindergarten meets in the Kinder Hut with Karen Kramer and Karen Carrell.

Grades 1-3 meets in Reinhart Cottage with Laura McMichael-Cady and Mary Lasack.

Grades 4-6 meets in Unitarian House with Lea Cassini, John Weaver and Julie Wellings-Kuftin.

SKY (Starr King Youth) meets in Ornea Cottage with Dick Albert and Carol Henrie.

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DREaming

Jean Wilcox, Director of Religious Education

As I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy New Year, I want to let you know of the new ten-week curriculum that we are offering to our Fourth-to-Sixth graders. We have discussed it with some of them, and they like the idea.



This is a curriculum called *Words to Live By*, and it leads to an opportunity to create a personal credo. The children in this class are all bright, they have been with us for some time, and they are familiar with the basic tenets of UU-ism, and now might be the time for them to express how *they* feel, where *their* values lie, and to understand *their* role in our search for meaning.

These sessions (which will be held twice a month, along with Social Justice and Children's Worship) will consist of guided meditation and discussion, as well as games and activities, all geared to the theme of the day. The teachers will once again by John Weaver and Lea Casini; they relate very well to our children and we are lucky to have both of them.

These classes will begin in the New Year, namely on 14 January. We hope to see you all then. If you have questions about this program or would like to see the curriculum, please let me know.

And let's not forget that Happy New Year.



Jean Wilcox, Director of Religious Education
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Welcome
Our new office manager
Julie Newray

Julie is finding work in a church to be an enjoyable activity, despite the daily challenges. She is a mom to two adult daughters, ages 24 and 19, and their family of four lives in Fremont.

Julie enjoys beading, gardening, reading and the SF Giants. She looks forward to getting to know all the members of the church.



🦋 **Committee chairs/events coordinators:** To avoid schedule conflicts, notify the Church Office Administrator of dates and times of ALL meetings and events (even if ongoing or off-site).

🦋 The Worship Committee reminds us that the **musical postlude** at the end of the service is a part of worship; please remain seated to maintain a reverential quiet until the last note.

🦋 To preserve a sense of worship on Sunday mornings, please remember to **switch off cell phones** and other devices before entering the Sanctuary.

🦋 Donate interesting books in excellent condition to our **Church Bookstore** for resale. See Evelyn Cormier.

🦋 Our **SKUUC Food Donation Basket** for South Hayward Parish Food Pantry is located just inside the eastern entry door in our Sanctuary. Please be generous every week; donating healthful nonperishable food items is a meaningful way to practice Social Justice.



🦋 Stuart Fink has placed a Lions' Club collection box on the Community Table. **Eyeglasses you no longer use** will eventually go to Latin American countries, along with eye doctors who will be fitting people in need. We have collected over 40 pair so far.

🦋 Our Sanctuary serves the church as an all-purpose room; things get moved several times each week to accommodate various meetings and activities. It is still a church. **PLEASE** if you use the sanctuary for an event or meeting, **leave the Sanctuary in the worship configuration.** Put the chairs back *each time* they are moved.

🦋 **A Gentle Reminder** from the Worship Committee: Candles of joy, sorrow and concern should be brief and pointed. Otherwise the service may run too long. Many thanks!

🦋 Sunday Service Announcements: Bring **Church-related announcements** to the office by Tuesday noon for inclusion with the Sunday bulletin, or mail or email (office@starrking.org).

🦋 The **Outreach Committee** suggests recirculating the *UU World*. Leave old copies in waiting rooms, or put them in the Outreach Committee box in the church office for use at public events.

🦋 **How are the chalice lighters and readers for services chosen?** The Worship Associate for the service asks someone to do it. Sometimes it is hard to know who to ask. If you would like to participate in worship by lighting the chalice and/or doing a reading from the pulpit, just tell any Worship Associate, who will add your name to the list of interested participants. *Please note* that you must be at church 15 minutes prior to the start of the service in order to be asked to perform either of these duties.

🦋 **Do you know our Church history?** *An Ordinary Miracle* and *The Miracle Continues* are available in the church office, \$15 each or two for \$25.

COME EXPLORE *our newest*

Adult Religious Education
offering:

UU ROOTS IN AMERICA

*with Rev. Katie Kandarian
and Dick Albert*

BEGINS 10 JANUARY

This six-session class will trace the paths of Unitarian and Universalist faiths from our nation's early years to today, using special video materials combined with sharing and listening as we discuss how our faithful forebears have helped shape American culture and thought up to the present. (Second and fourth Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 P.M.).

🦋 New church office hours have been established: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. Please get your written announcements to Julie by Tuesday at 1 P.M. You can reach the office by email (office@starrking.org) or telephone (510/581.2060).



Fundraising



This year's Christmas Bazaar raised about \$450. Bill, Ruth & Renée (above) organised and staffed the Bazaar on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Festivity: Tree Trimming



Bill & Ruth enjoy a mug of soup and conversation with Allen before leading the carolling at the Tree Trimming Party.

Our annual Christmas Tree Trimming Party started off with a comforting lunch of warm soups and little sandwiches, topped off with trifle. Songs of the season put everyone in a festive mood. The Religious Education Committee provided several crafts activities for intergenerational fun — and the tree was soon splendidly arrayed. (See Page 9 for more photos.)



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

♣ **Morning Discovery** meets at Church from 10 to 11:15 A.M. on first and third Wednesdays (3 & 17 January). Explore areas of personal interaction and spiritual experiences in the context of our common liberal religion and individual life experiences.

♣ **SKIFFLE** gathers in the Sanctuary for instrumental music every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 P.M. All levels of musicianship invited.

♣ **Evening Discovery** meets at Church at 7 P.M. on first and third Wednesdays (3 & 17 January). Share, sing and meditate. The focus of discussions is the book *No God but God: the Past, Present, and Future of Islam* by Reza Aslan. Contact Chris Selig for info.

♣ The **Book Group** will meet Thursday 11 January at 7 P.M. at the Forrest/Sprague home (886.1480) to discuss *Last Days in Dogtown* by Anita Diamont. All welcome. Please ring the hosts, to let them know you will attend.

♣ **SKIT** improv group meets in the Sanctuary on second and fourth Thursdays (11 & 25 January) at 7:30 P.M.

♣ The **Film Group** plans to watch the screwball comedy *Under the Rainbow* on Saturday 13 January at 7 p.m. All are welcome! Let host Stuart Fink (510/537.4421) know you are coming, and bring a movie snack to share.

♣ The **Social Justice Committee** meets on second Sundays (14 January) after second service. Discuss plans for a program on health care and for showing *An Inconvenient Truth* in conjunction with the League of Women Voters in February, date to be announced.

♣ **The Committee of the Interior** meets in the Library on fourth Sundays (28 January) following the service. This committee works to maintain and improve the appearance of our meeting house. All are welcome.

OUR CHURCH BOARD IN ACTION

December 2006

*The following is a summary of the Board's business meeting.
Feel free to discuss any of these items with Board members.*



1. **COSMIC and Covenant:** A draft of the proposed covenant was presented. The Board decided to review the draft at home and discuss it at the next meeting.
2. **Unitarian House Update:** Garald Mosher reported on the asbestos and lead review; the building does have asbestos in some venting pipe and vinyl, lead in some exterior paint that is peeling. Asbestos is not a current hazard because it is contained; it must be abated before demolition. Garald met with three contractors who said the cost to remove asbestos and lead would be \$2,500, with additional cost to demolish the building (around \$12,500), for a total demolition and mitigation charge of \$15,000, not including air quality (BAAQMD) or County required permits. After discussion, the board moved to authorize Garald Mosher to secure a contract for lead abatement at a cost of up to \$2500. Additional cost considerations: a) A new stick built building would require an engineer to design for earthquakes, have closed pipes leading to the creek, and require more handicapped parking (probably one more space). b) A modular building would need to be pit set, which has a cost, but would not require additional engineering. c) The larger a replacement building, the greater the parking, insurance and Clean Water Act costs. Bill Schwab also discussed replacing the current 900 square foot building with a 1,300 square foot building.
3. **Decision Tree on Unitarian House:** The board voted to demolish Unitarian House and build a new structure. A subcommittee will move ahead with the project, making monthly reports on location, size and other construction steps. Darryl, Frank and Katie volunteered to be on this subcommittee. The board will make a final proposal to the congregation at the annual meeting in May. A straw vote to keep Unitarian House at its current location when rebuilt did not pass.
4. **Board Retreat:** Discussion on organization of the retreat will be held in January.
5. **President's Report:** The financial analysis (not an audit) has been discussed, and a review of systems is being completed. Bob is interviewing senior congregation members for their oral histories to include in the newsletter.
6. **Minister's Report:** Katie recommended that the board attend the 13 January workshop in Walnut Creek (\$100 for five attendees). Next month she will discuss having Carol Bodeau from Starr King seminary work with the Religious Education program next year. Cilla Roughly of PCD recently complimented the *Chalice* newsletter. Work is underway to make the website look like the newsletter. Julie Newray is working out well as new office manager.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** The audit was to be completed on 7 November.
8. **RE Report:** Cartoonist Morrie Turner will be back on 24 December, on which morning there will only be one service.
9. **Membership Report:** The visitor's card box has been placed on the wall by the back door. Cards from the offeratory baskets should be placed in the box. The office manager will take the cards up to the office.
10. **Finance Report:** Theater dinner netted between \$2,300 - \$2,400. Plans are underway to coordinate with Membership Committee to pledge new members.
11. **FESCO Report:** A special plate for FESCO will be collected when Diane and Natalie hold a special FESCO service at the end of November.
12. **Calendaring:** Larry Peers Workshop in Walnut Creek on 13 January 2007. Board Retreat on 27 January.

EVENTS

♣ The **Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday March and Gathering** will be held on Monday 15 January at Hayward City Hall Plaza (777 B Street at Watkins) beginning at 9:30 A.M. The program consists of music and the clarion words of Dr. King on a range of subjects, as relevant today as when they were first spoken. There will be a march of witness in the downtown area. If you choose to march, bring a sign in support of justice, equality and peace. *See flyer, below.*

♣ Look for notice of the next **Pagan Gathering Circle** in the February *Chalice*. All are welcome to the circles.

♣ Sign up to learn about **Our UU Roots!** This six-session class — to be led by Rev. Katie Kandarian and Dick Albert — will begin on Wednesday 10 January from 7 to 8:30 P.M. Sign up at the Community Table or contact Andy Hansen (510/301.6938 or avh1958@comcast.net).

... Our Church There

♣ Join the **No Room for Racism** vigils that are held in Hayward every third Friday (19 January) from 4 to 5 P.M. at the intersection of Jackson-Mission-Foothill. An opportunity to stand for your values! Sponsored by South Hayward Parish.

♣ **Ministries to Incarcerated UUs.** The Church of the Larger Fellowship, a cyber-space congregation providing Unitarian Universalism to isolated religious liberals, offers a spiritual lifeline to incarcerated UUs. Over 300 prisoners across the US have joined the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship. With no access to the web or UU Sunday services, their only way of learning more about UUism is through written publications and letters exchanged with other UUs. Members of any UU congregation who might like to write to a CLF prisoner-member are invited to visit the CLF website (www.clfuu.org). Click on *Prison Ministry* to learn more about CLF's Prison Programs and apply for the Letter Writing Ministry.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

♣ **Serving Sunday Morning Coffee** is a great way to meet members and spread happiness! *Your help is needed* in the set up position. This person would arrive at church about 35 minutes before first service, start the coffee and set everything up, then remain and serve coffee after first service. Please let Scott Kinnear (885.0781) know if you can fill this important slot on Sunday.



Bill & Ruth lead carols at the Tree Trimming Party 12.17.2006

♣ Join our **Grounds & Landscape Enhancement** activities at Church from 9 A.M. to noon on second and fourth Saturdays (13 & 27 January). Contact Carol Henrie (886.1018).

♣ **Newsletter Folding:** The *Chalice* will be folded at Church at 1 P.M. on Thursday 25 January. It takes two hours; more folders welcome!

♣ Please see Betsy Dye if you would be interested in operating the **sound system** one or two Sundays a month.

♣ Sign up at the Community Table to bring **flowers or plants for the altar**. Let us know if you are honoring a loved one or celebrating a special occasion.

♣ **Volunteer pianists:** Share your talents when our regular accompanist is off. Contact Joyce Kinnear (885.0781).



... nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time — the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



You are invited to join Hayward's
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY MARCH

Monday 15 January 2007



9:30 a.m. **Gathering at Hayward City Hall Plaza**
777 B Street (at Watkins) • for music and the words of Dr. King.

10:00 a.m. **March of Witness**
In celebration of Hayward's diversity, we invite you to carry your organizational banner and to wear national dress.

10:30 a.m. **Returning to City Hall Plaza**
Where we will join in song and will be inspired by Dr. King's words of courage, hope and justice.



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Shake that paint, Maya, Kim & Meredith!



Robin and Diane fold ornaments.



Julia and Sammy collaborate.

*Tree
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*photos by
Carey Sanchez Para*



Laura & Caroline create.



Kayla concentrates on coloring her glass bulb.



Andrea, Jonathan, Amy and Kelsi paint glass ornaments.

Committee Highlights

Friends of FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition)

Diane Meyerson

A Slice of Life written by Dave McKeown, FESCO Program Manager

Oh, there's no place like home for the holidays!

Watching Perry Como, Andy Williams and Bing Crosby every December was one of my family's favorite traditions. The image of home and family was and continues to be prominent in holiday movies, TV programs and advertising. How incredible is it, then, that on that special night all those years ago, indeed the very reason we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family itself was homeless, finding shelter in a lowly stable! You may wonder how our holy families are faring as Christmas fast approaches. Here is an update on three of them.

The Joseph and Mary that stayed with us earlier this year with their two daughters are now renting a house, after living in one of our transitional units for a few months. Joseph got a promotion and is a supervisor. Mary, still quite ill from a massive stroke and battling cancer, has improved noticeably since the move. Having a house was her long-time dream. A generous donor adopted them for Christmas, and provided many, many gifts. Delivering their presents was a very emotional experience for all of us.

Another Mary had also stayed with us some months ago. She had two teenage daughters, a nine-year old son and a good job. She tried to make a go of it in an apartment outside the county, since her income was outside the required range for subsidized housing. A messy divorce caused her to frequently miss work, as she fought to keep custody of her children. Her employer was supportive for a time, but eventually laid her off. With help from CalWORKS she will return to school this spring for the first time in many years. Now eligible for a housing subsidy, she has moved back to Alameda County. She so appreciated the Christmas gifts provided by a generous donor, and even invited the volunteers that delivered them in for coffee! There was a mix-up in one of the packages, and she immediately called to let us know that she had received someone else's gifts. I noticed when I arrived to pick up the package that she did not have a Christmas tree. Yet another generous donor had brought us six fresh-cut trees, and I had the last one in my truck. A quick

run down and up the stairs, and her room was complete. The smiles that shone from her and her children said it all.

And there is the Mary who has lived modestly for over five years since her shelter stay. She works two jobs to make ends meet and takes care of her mother as well as her three children. We needed two trucks to deliver her donated gifts and food; she cried with joy as we made trip after trip bearing gifts! She said she owes her life to FESCO.

Words are inadequate to express the love our holy families have for you and all who make it possible for them to have a home for the holidays. We at FESCO have the privilege of being the vehicle that connects your generosity with these amazing families.

May you and your families experience the same joy and love that you so graciously share with others. Merry Christmas.

From the 2001 archives.



FESCO

Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program



Thank You Starr King
for Your Generosity



Starr King families
donated over 90 garments
to keep FESCO families warm
this winter



Diane Meyerson represents Starr King UU Church on the FESCO board.

How to Reach Us

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Note: Please observe the minister's uninterrupted reading & writing time on Monday.

How to Reach Your Chalice Editor

Deadline is the second Sunday of each month. Please put your contribution in writing.

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Church Committee Chairs

Association Affairs — vacant

Adult Religious Education — Andy Hansen

Bookstore — Evelyn Cormier

Buildings — Dick Albert

Chalice Newsletter — Carol Henrie, editor

Margarita Jacob, photographer

Endowment/Memorial Fund — Bill Schwab

Finance Coordinator — Kay Athos

FESCO — Diane Meyerson

Grounds — Carol Henrie & Walt Korus

Interior — Rebecca Parr & Lavon Hodges

Kitchen Manager — Sherry Thomas

Membership — Wendy Robertson

Committee on Ministry — Lee Berger, Carol Henrie

(Convenor), Keith Lewis,

Kirk Smith, Vicki Thompson

Nominating — Bob Stortz

Outreach — Susan Blanc

Pastoral Care — Bob Stortz, Convenor

Pledge Secretary — Marilyn Mosher

R.E. Coordinator — Karen Kramer

Social — vacant

Social Justice — Evelyn Cormier

South Hayward Parish — Jim Forsyth

Barbara Storms

Sunday Coffee — Scott Kinnear

Sunday Service Setup — Mary Richards

Welcoming Congregation — Mary Lasack

Worship — Bob Meyerson

