



The Flaming Chalice

NEWSLETTER OF STARR KING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2006

A Month of Sundays

November Celebration Previews

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

Music! Fundraiser featuring Kristoph & Margaret
Saturday 4 November at 7:30 P.M. See Page 6 for details.

- 5:** *[Why] Does Religion Matter?* (Rev. Katie Kandarian) Scholar Huston Smith argues that religion does matter, and writer Sam Harris is worried that it matters most to extremists. Where does that leave religious liberals like us?

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.

- 12:** *The Earth Knows My Name* (Rev. Katie Kandarian) Did you know that our own South Hayward Parish has a community garden in front of one of our member churches on Schaefer Avenue? Afghan leeks are one of the main crops grown there. In her Beacon Press book, Patricia Klindienst writes about gardeners in America who are usually thought of as "other." Some native to this land and others immigrant, "their stewardship of the land is an expression of the desire to preserve their heritage against all that threatens it."

Chalice Deadline.

Starr King Social Justice Committee presents
The Ground Truth • Saturday 18 November • 7 P.M.
See Page 6 for details.

- 19:** *Grateful For . . .* (Rev. Katie Kandarian) On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will celebrate our relationship with our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and its Guest At Your Table program. At this time of acknowledging blessings, just what exactly are we most grateful for? Starr King seminarian Anne Griffiths will provide drumming this morning.

Bookstore Open.

- 26:** *Good Works* (Diane Meyerson & Natalie Forrest) Explore how we make a difference in the lives of others through good works and in the process transform our own lives.



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Katie's Bay View **Rev. Katie Kandarian**

Election Day is upon us—Tuesday, November 7, if you plan on going to the polls rather than voting through the increasingly popular absentee ballot. Either way, we are warned of the vulnerability of that particular method. Still, I have already mailed in my own absentee packet (complete with *two* stamps), and I urge you to find your way to vote.



Many of us feel confident in making the choices for the political leaders who will represent us in Washington, Sacramento and locally, but the ballot gets trickier when it comes to the long list of ballot initiatives. Some of these items are issues near and dear to the hearts of Unitarian Universalists, being worked on in our Legislative Ministry office in Sacramento. For example, the UULM urges you to vote *yes* on Proposition 89, which supports electoral reform.

To make well-informed decisions on all of the ballot initiatives, I encourage you to use readily available resources such as www.uulmca.org/virtual_meeting, the California State Voter Guide, the League of Women Voters Smart Voter Guide and the very telling Institute of Government Studies <http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/library/election2006/endorse2006.html> “_blank List of Supporters and Opponents of all Propositions. All of these resources can be found online.

Last year in my column, I wrote urging you to vote against Prop 73, which has now come back to the ballot in its latest incarnation as Proposition 85. This is one of those tricky initiatives that at first glance might make you think it's a good idea (waiting period and parental notification before termination of a minor's pregnancy). Please inform yourself before filling in your absentee ballot or going to the polls.

This is a good place for me to quote from our District's online newsletter *Currents*, written by our District Executive, Cilla Raughley. She reminds us of the rules for religious institutions to protect our tax-exempt status. Our congregations are encouraged to get involved in political/social issues, but *must avoid taking partisan stands*. We can, for example, support or oppose ballot initiatives, and we can engage in voter registration drives; but we *must not* favor one political party or candidate over the other. Individuals, of course, including our ministers, may campaign on behalf of anything they wish—but they *must not* do so on behalf of their congregations or Unitarian Universalism.”

As part of our covenant as Unitarian Universalists we agree to affirm and promote the use of the democratic process“...in society at large” which means that voting is more than just a civic duty, it is central to our values as religious liberals.

I wish you peace, and connection to the larger whole.



November Birthdays

Best birthday wishes to . . .



- 2 Lesley Hitchings
- 2 Bob Meyerson
- 11 Jordan Baker-Blanc
- 17 Kevin Babbidge
- 19 Vicki Thompson
- 20 Bobby Robinson
- 21 Alyssa Baker-Blanc
- 26 Suzanne Hicks
- 30 Terry Babbidge
- 30 Susan Blanc

Wheel of Life

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

- ☺ Our new member Jennifer James is recovering after a spell of difficult days with her MS.
- ☺ Renate Ornea is home after a hospital visit. She is bedridden, but welcomes your calls, visits and cards.
- ☺ Jean Falkowski is recovering from cataract surgery.



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

The IRS is Watching!

Last month this space saw a reprint of a column I wrote as Vice President of the Board of Trustees in 2004. It attempted to explain the IRS rules governing political activity. I wrote on the topic, not to show all the restrictions imposed by the tax laws, but to show that there is much more we can do to advocate politically than we are now doing. An IRS investigation of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California now brings into doubt one of the core premises of the article, that we can advocate without limit on moral issues.



As an agnostic and for many years not a church attendee, I've never had much sympathy for the premise that churches should be exempt from all taxes. Think of the lost tax revenue to governmental services including child welfare, public healthcare and many worthy causes. The tax burden on individual taxpayers could also be lessened if churches and central religious bodies were required to pay taxes.

But my dream of all churches paying taxes toward the public good, including those denominations with vast real estate holdings, did not envision only those churches that agreed with the government being exempt from taxation.

On October 31, 2004, just before the last Presidential election, the Rector Emeritus of All Saints Church, Dr. George Regas, gave a guest sermon titled *If Jesus Debated Senator Kerry and President Bush*. Dr. Regas began his sermon clearly stating that he was not going to tell anyone how to vote. He also assured his audience that Jesus Christ wins the debate, not Kerry or Bush.

Dr. Regas allows, "*Good people of profound faith will be for either George Bush or John Kerry for reasons deeply rooted in their faith.*" He also points out that both Bush and Kerry are devout Christians. What then was the problem? I suspect it was the way his sermon framed the debate on moral grounds. He covered two main topics of our day, the quest for peace and the elimination of poverty.

Jesus attacks both Bush and Kerry over the war. (Of course as Bush kept pointing out during the election, Kerry voted for the war and still supported it.) In his imagined debate, Jesus accuses Bush and Kerry of placing more value on American than Iraqi lives.

"Your fundamental premise for the massive violence of this war is that it is the proper response to the terrorist attack that

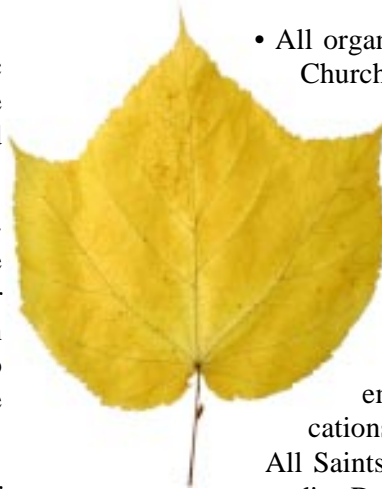
took place September 11, 2001. But remember, the killing of innocent people to achieve some desired goal is morally repudiated by anyone claiming to follow me as their savior and guide."

Jesus accosts them both, "*I will tell you what I think of your war. The sin at the heart of this war against Iraq is your belief that an American life is of more value than an Iraqi life. That an American child is more precious than an Iraqi baby.*"

I think that the IRS did not see the evenhandedness in Jesus' attack on both candidates. Perhaps they thought that as Commander-in-Chief, Bush bore more of the moral responsibility for the war even though Kerry professed his support. Nonetheless, All Saints church is now in a battle to retain the right to advocate on moral grounds and retain their tax exemption.

On September 15, All Saints Episcopal Church received a summons from the IRS demanding that the church turn over internal documents related to a sermon delivered by their Emeritus minister, Dr. George Regas. It wasn't the text of the actual sermon they were seeking. They already had that. They want much more. The subpoena includes:

- All organizing documents of all Saints Church, including but not limited to Articles of Incorporation, Constitution or other organizing document in effect during 2004.
- All vestry meeting minutes of All Saints Church for 2004.
- All letters, correspondence, emails or other written communications sent by employees or agents of All Saints Church to Dr. George Regas regarding Dr. Regas's role as a guest preacher at the October 31, 2004 services.



The list goes on and on. The congregation at All Saints Church has voted unanimously not to comply with the summons and to challenge it in court. This will be a case that may directly affect Starr King Church and our social justice activism.

Though I am not a Christian, I believe, as I am sure many Starr King members do, that the real teachings of Jesus are decent moral guidelines for our world. Will churches now be forbidden from raising his moral teachings in the context of the actions of our national leaders?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".



REFrigerator Page



Children's Religious Education

Karen Kramer, Religious Education Coordinator

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to spend this column giving thanks.

First, I am sure we are all happy to see Jean Wilcox back among us, but none more than I; as she makes my RE Coordinator position so much easier, and much more fun! May all our good vibrations be with her in December when she undergoes another operation.

Second, I was so grateful to see Susan Clark, Laurie Matthews, and Mary Lasack back for the 2006/2007 season of the RE Committee. After a three-month hiatus, it felt like family reuniting again. Thanks.

And lastly, thanks to all of you, big and small, who helped with the Halloween party. I hope you had fun.

Now for the November 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*:

- 5 November: *Social Justice Sunday*
Meet in library.
- 12 November: *RE Curriculum*
Meet in classrooms.
- 19 November: *Children's Worship*
Meet in library.
- 26 November: *RE Curriculum*
Meet in classrooms.



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.

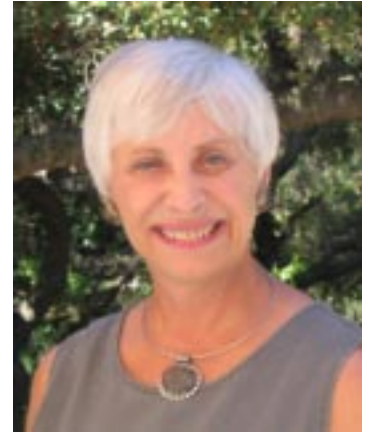
Grades 4-6 meets in Unitarian House with Lea Cassini, John Weaver and Julie Wellings-Kuftin.

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

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DREaming

With the beginning of November our minds turn to the holidays and all that they hold for us. At SKUUC our children will celebrate Thanksgiving on 19 November with a Thanksgiving feast, along with handing out the Guest At Your Table boxes.



I like the way we do this. We celebrate with eating (which has religious roots, as in the breaking of bread) and then turn our attention to those who have no food at all, or at least not enough to keep them healthy.

As last year, our children will be distributing these boxes to the congregation, and we ask you to take one and return it in early January filled to overflowing with paper money and coins. No, not really — it takes too long to count that way. A nice fat check is much easier for us. These boxes are such a great UU tradition and a painless (for us) way of contributing to the needs of people all over the world who are going hungry.

December news will, of course, appear in the next newsletter, but I will let you know now that I am unfortunately looking at further surgery, this time on the other hip and nowhere near as extensive as the current one. The date set is 19 December, and I should be back with you all in early January so will barely be missed.

Jean



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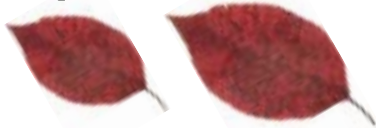
ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ 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.

✦ 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).

✦ **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 for details.

✦ 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 in your donations of healthful nonperishable food items. This is a meaningful way to practice Social Justice close to home.

✦ **Donate Old Glasses.** Stuart Fink has placed a Lions' collection box in the library. The glasses you no longer use will eventually go to Latin American countries, along with eye doctors who will be fitting people in need with eyeglasses.

Statue of Thomas Starr King

California State Senator Debra Bowen, who is also a member of the UU Church of Santa Monica, is working to revisit the recent vote to replace the statue of Thomas Starr King with one of Ronald Regan in the U.S. Capitol Hall of Statues. You can help! Write to the governor and state lawmakers. See further information on the website of the Pacific Central District, www.pcd-uaa.org.

✦ **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.

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

✦ **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!

✦ You may wonder **how the chalice lighters and readers for services are chosen.** This is accomplished through a complicated process: 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 and that person 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 service in order to be asked to perform either of these duties.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

✦ Join our **Grounds & Landscape Enhancement** activities at Church from 9 A.M. to noon on second and fourth Saturdays (11 & 25 November). Contact Carol Henrie (886.1018).

✦ **Newsletter Folding:** The *Chalice* will be folded at Church at 1 P.M. on Wednesday 22 November. 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).

✦ **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.

Help Raise \$\$\$ for Starr King at NO COST to you. Sign up with eScrip Online. Local merchants such as Safeway and PW contribute a percentage of your shopping to our church.

It's quick and easy!

1. Go to www.escrip.com
2. Click on *sign-up*
3. Follow the instructions

Information you need:

Group Name:

Starr King Unitarian Church

Group ID: 137107322

Questions? Call Meg Jurich (886.3070)

Our Church Here . . .

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

♣ **Morning Discovery** meets at Church from 10 to 11:15 A.M. on first and third Wednesdays (1 & 15 November). 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 (1 & 15 November). 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 9 November at 7 P.M. at the Scwab home (538.3226) to discuss *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo. All welcome. Please ring the host, who appreciates knowing you plan to attend.

♣ Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the **SKIT** improv group will meet just once this month on Thursday 9 November at 7:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary.

♣ **The Committee of the Interior** meets in the Library on fourth Sundays (26 November) following the service. This committee works to maintain and improve the appearance of our meeting house. All are welcome.

♣ The **Membership Committee** meets on fourth Wednesdays (22 November) at 7 P.M. at the Gaylord home (537.6722).

♣ For info about the **Film Group**, contact Stuart Fink (510/537.4421).

♣ The **Social Justice Committee** meets on second Sundays (12 November 12) after the second service. They will finalize planning for *The Ground Truth* documentary to be shown at church Saturday 18 November at 7 P.M.

EVENTS

♣ Kristoph & Margaret (*Avalon Rising and Broceliande*) playing Early Baroque, Renaissance and Celtic Music will headline a wonderful **musical fundraiser** at church on Saturday 4 November. Doors open at 7 P.M.; concert starts promptly at 7:30. Tickets are \$10. *Gravity* (Bill & Ruth DeSmidt on guitar and percussion) will open. Refreshments!

♣ **Circle Suppers** are being organized for Saturday 11 November. To attend or host, sign up at the Community Table or contact Rebecca Parr. A relaxed, informal way to get acquainted with Church members in small groups of six to 10.

♣ For information regarding the **Pagan Gathering Circle** for November,

contact Bill and Ruth DeSmidt (582.7297).

♣ Join the **No Room for Racism** vigils that are held in Hayward every third Friday (17 November) from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. at the intersection of Jackson-Mission-Foothill. This is an opportunity to stand for your values. Sponsored by South Hayward Parish.

♣ Don't miss *The Ground Truth*, a powerful documentary film about the war in Iraq, to be screened at Starr King Church on Saturday 18 November at 7 P.M. Praised by critics, this film stunned audiences at the 2006 Sundance Film Festival. It covers not only the war, but the plight of soldiers returning home.

OUR CHURCH BOARD IN ACTION

October 2006

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



1. In a previously presented written report, Bill Schwab said he received a bid for replacing Unitarian House at a cost of \$170,000. Assuming an additional \$30,000 for tear down, architect work and permits, the total cost would be \$200,000 to replace the building with a larger (1300 square feet) facility. Before the next board meeting, Bill and Garald Mosher will meet to develop a plan on construction. Frank will discuss his financing suggestion with potential member lenders. Diane will develop a decision tree.
2. No one has yet been found for Social Committee Chair: Rebecca Parr has agreed to lead circle suppers; Carol Henrie will organize the Seder supper. We will continue to recruit people for individual tasks.
3. Walt Korus asked to withdraw his request to display the flag because it would be divisive.
4. New Church Secretary: Caroline has given her notice. Meg Jurich and Diane Meyerson will serve on a subcommittee with Katie to review the job description, put out a job announcement, interview candidates and so on.
5. RE Director Position: Last year Jean had said she would leave at this end of this fiscal year. A search committee will be formed with the RE Committee.
6. Church Workshop: Larry Peers of the Alban Institute (a church training organization) will conduct a workshop 13 January at the Diablo Creek Church. Katie highly recommends him; she is on the planning team. The cost per attendee is not yet determined. More information to follow from PCD.
7. FESCO Report: A dinner and auction were held in September, which raised between \$27,000 and \$28,000. The Adopt-a-Family holiday collection is being developed.
8. Thank You Cards: Ruth De Smidt and Katie Kandarian for organizing the Welcome Back Barbeque.

What's the Word? *Al Murdach*

This monthly column explores today's meaning and significance of some important religious words from the Christian tradition.

No. 11: *Repentance*

This has to be one the least favorite Christian words for UUs. If raised in the Christian tradition, they are probably sick to death of being told they needed to repent of this and that in order to be full member of the club. If from another tradition or none at all, they are probably likewise sick of having the word constantly thrust at them as a requirement to fulfill if they were ever to be seen as respectable in the eyes of Christians. Therefore it is a word which, to almost everyone, now immediately conjures up images of "holier than thou" finger pointing by people who really should know better.

In ancient times, however, the word *repentance* did not have this negative connotation of public blame and rejection. Instead, it was widely used in a variety of religious contexts to signify an individual's interior decision to *turn away* from personal ideas and actions that were felt to draw one away from God, right, justice, or whatever the individual felt to be his or her higher calling.

Because the word has been lately much abused, especially by the more fundamentalist branches of Christianity, some UUs have cautioned against rejecting it entirely and instead have urged a reassessment of the whole idea. James Luther Adams, for example, has called upon UUs to critically assess their present and past involvement in social evils and express repentance for their occasional all-too-human failings of indifference and self-satisfaction. But this then brings up other questions: to *whom* does one then express repentance? The Great Spirit? The minister? Our neighbors? Our family? And just *how* is one to do this? Individually? Privately? In a group? In a ritual?

At present there are (and may never be) any definitive answers to these questions in the UU household. Some UUs, in fact, may find the whole idea morbid and ridiculous. Where's the joy in such speculations? they would ask. And for that matter, they would add, I'm a good person and have nothing to repent from, so the whole issue is irrelevant. Nevertheless, as all of us are slowly becoming aware, none of us is totally free from being complicit in any number of serious moral lapses, whether it is the destruction of the environment or civil wars in far off places or the economic slavery of millions near our borders who toil to support and feed our expensive and often unnecessary habits.

So, as Adams suggests, it may not be amiss to reexamine the concept of repentance in more detail. For instance, UU congregations might benefit from a periodic "examination of conscience" ceremony that would allow each member to mentally look at hir or her own faults and failings and make a "firm purpose of amendment" to avoid these transgressions in the future. Repentance could then be sought openly from fellow "brothers and sisters" in the congregation.

Such an exercise might help to both bring about an internal release from guilt and provide public healing and new directions for social action and commitment. In many other traditions, such ceremonies have proved their value over time because they allow for a kind of conscious stock-taking that all of us need occasionally in order to correct our course and refocus. At any rate, the message should be that repentance is not a gloomy and onerous task, but a necessary corrective we all need from time to time.

Coffee Service News **Want to Support Fair Trade at Home?**

Several church members have expressed interest in some type of a group purchase for the fair trade coffee, chocolate and/or tea. Scott Kinnear has offered to put together a form for interested members — look for it by the entry doors — and to place a joint order this fall.

The Value and Cost of Fair Trade

If you appreciate the better-tasting, better-for-the-farmer coffee we are now drinking, please add some money to the coffee fund by the coffee pot on Sunday. Ensuring the values of social justice and environmental stewardship comes at a price. While they benefit our Interdependent Web, Fair Trade items are expensive.

The Social Benefits of Fair Trade Items

Using Fair Trade coffee and other items is one way we practice our UU values, helping to extend the benefits of Fair Trade to 28 farmer cooperatives in 14 countries. Stable Fair Trade minimum prices and accessible credit help farmer cooperatives provide for their families and plan for the future, investing in education, health care and environmentally sustainable farming.

Can you volunteer to help set up the coffee service on Sunday mornings? See details under Volunteer Opportunities on Page 5.

Committee Highlights

Friends of FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition)

Diane Meyerson

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

The month of November offers us the reminder of the many gifts in our lives—talents, wealth, homes, and people. It is the month of the saints, those with us now and those who have gone before us. These days, the theme of thanksgiving is strong as ever at the shelter.

Every family has its own special story, but Jennifer's is especially fitting for November. A single mom with three children, she came into the shelter literally off the street. Abandoned by her husband some years ago, Jennifer had to dip into savings to supplement her income. She finally was unable to pay the rent and was evicted. With no family in the area, she sought shelter in inexpensive motel rooms. For two weeks she called shelters daily, but all were full. Paying for a room every day left them little money for food, so they took to the streets.

She and the children huddled together in doorways, stairwells, or wherever else they could. Each morning, however, Jennifer got the children to school and herself to work. She confided in a co-worker who let them take showers at her apartment. Jennifer didn't miss a single day of work, and no one there had a clue she was homeless. A family had left the shelter the day she called us. We knew as soon as they came in that there was a success story about to happen.

With a roof over her head and food on the table, Jennifer immediately focused on the task at hand, to build up her savings. She had a steady full time job, and faithfully deposited her pay every week. The children befriended others in the shelter, ate tons of food, and helped Mom do her chores. With her savings growing, Jennifer shifted attention to the housing search. A few weeks later the perfect apartment listed, and she applied. Although she had saved most of the money required for the deposit and first month's rent, she was still a bit short. That was when her friend at work really stepped up, secretly notifying the others in the office that Jennifer needed some money; they took up a collection to

make up the difference, still not knowing the reason! They presented her with the cash at a surprise lunch.

Jennifer was still in tears when she came back to the shelter that night. They moved in with furniture and household items from our stock of donated items, and are doing very well. She said as they were leaving what a special Thanksgiving it would be for them this year.

All of us at FESCO are thankful for the many gifts you share with our families all year long. We wish you a peaceful and joyous Thanksgiving!



FESCO Celebrates 20th Birthday

The FESCO Birthday Party, which included a dinner and auction, was held on 30 September at the San Leandro Community Center. The event earned over \$28,000.

We thank all who attended, which includes Karen Cook, Bob Stortz, Bob Britton, Terri Owen, Jean and Bill Gayload, Edna Shipley-Conner,

Meg and Mark Jurich and Diane and Bob Meyerson.



Holiday Adopt-A-Family

Each year for the Holidays, FESCO puts together Holiday Boxes for FESCO families who live in the Shelter and at Banyon House, as well as for FESCO families who have achieved independence but still need help.

And each year, the members of Starr King have graciously contributed to the FESCO Holiday Boxes by donating new clothing for children and adults.

If you would like to contribute to the FESCO Holiday Boxes this year, look for the FESCO Adopt-A-Family Donation Box just after Thanksgiving.

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

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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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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

