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And we're off. The world is a drastically different place than it was a couple months ago, at least for Americans. No matter who would've taken upon the mantle of leading our nation, we would still be facing a divided country with sharp divides and little room for discourse. It just so happens that progressive people of faith are experiencing a wildly different United States of America than we thought. However, we need not despair. This is a time for all of us to declare who we are (instead of always pondering) and take to heart the words of our second principle which affirms, "justice, equity, and compassion in human relations." The time is now, not yesterday and not tomorrow, for us to practice acts of justice and equity – keeping in mind the compassion that is required of us in our relationships with all people. This especially includes those with whom we disagree.

Compassion does not mean we need to be passive. Compassion should call us more meaningfully into partnerships, dialogue, and concrete acts of witness. We will be gathering to figure out how we can do just that as a community in February and beyond. One of our goals as we begin to "Rise up!" and live our values is to develop meaningful partnerships that go beyond our pet justice projects. We will explore how we can speak with one voice, move as one people, and contribute our time and energy to the good work that is happening here in Lexington. The date for this initial gathering of UUCL members is listed in this issue of The Uniview. I encourage you to come and contribute.

But beyond all of this work that we are being called to do, we need to be mindful of how we stay resilient. Resilience entails our own self-care, time to strengthen relationships with friends and neighbors, and ways we can decompress as a community and as individuals. This practice of resilience will lead us to less burn out, less complacency, and a clarity of vision for our next steps as a congregation. We will explore these practices of resilience in depth in the days to come, but I invite you to start thinking of your own. How will you replenish after your umpteenth march? How will you find time to decompress after sending yet another letter to our representatives? Ask yourself these questions and you're off to a good start.

Stay connected. Be aware. Foster a practice of resilience.
And join with us as we explore how we will contribute
to the life of justice here in Lexington.

Our Journey Together

Stacey Stone, Director of Religious Exploration



Sanctuary, Skills, and Support

“Sanctuary” is a place of refuge or safety. In times of fear, we are all searching for a place where we feel safe. For our children, we want UUCL to be a haven from bullying, criticizing, gender role expectations, and judgment - where children and youth have people who care, who listen, and who want to help. All ages of people deserve this. Thank you to our caring RE volunteers who create this atmosphere for our children and youth.

The mission of Little Free Libraries is to promote literacy and a love of reading by building 50,000 free book exchanges worldwide. Under the guidance of Rae Goodwin, many children helped drill, glue, and paint our Little Free Library dedicated in honor of Marge Keller, a longtime UUCL member. She donated her extensive collection of books to benefit UUCL. The UK School of Art and Visual Studies and Habitat Restore donated resources and materials. This Library project can be supported by the whole church by bringing books to keep it full and inspiring people to read!



The Coming of Age program kicks into high gear in the Spring as our 9th and 10th graders meet with their mentors for support, seek answers to life's questions, and do creative fundraisers to sponsor their journey to Boston. Together, the teens created the Labyrinth which was used over the holidays for walking meditation. Throughout the COA process, they examine what matters most in their lives and prepare to share their credos or belief statements in May.

Parenting joys and challenges continue through life. Years ago, UUCL had a popular “Moms Group.” We have a lot of new babies born in the past few months and the time is right to begin another parenting support group. If you are interested in being involved in our Raising Children group, (open to mothers, fathers, foster parents, grandparents, and other caregivers) contact me at uucldre@uucl.org. This is a great way to connect with those caring for children of all ages and stages by sharing experiences and friendship.

Follow the colorful RE Pages and the RE Facebook group for resources and current activities. Register your family for RE (2016-2017) at <https://goo.gl/forms/CMjj9FDNFxHRRwAH2> to get involved!

Wishing you peace on your journey,

Stacey Stone

Music Notes

Sally McCord, Director of Music

*May your mind be open to new learning.
May your lips bring truth into the world.
May your heart know love,
And your hands do the work of justice
As you go your way in peace,
As you go your way in peace.*

*~ words from UUCL's new children's recessional, "Children's Blessing,"
from the First UU Nashville Youth Choir with Jason Shelton*



These simple words set to music sum up our mission statement here at UUCL. Every word we read, every thought that passes our minds, begins the process of discernment - if we let it. Every word we utter can have an impact, whether in the name of patience and kindness, or with harsh intent - our choice. Will we open our hearts to compassion as Thich Nhat Hanh teaches us, knowing that "understanding is the result of looking deeply?" Are our hands working hands? Are we engaged in the work we should be doing to make the world a better place?

If such big questions can come from such a simple song, where even the questions are blessings, imagine the profound experience we gain in even more complex musical thoughts. And this experience is impossible to confine. It hovers over us after making music, as surely as the air is vibrating, even though the sound has faded away.

Making music together is a force we underestimate. We make a profound statement simply by coming together to make music as a community of religious progressives. Is it possible that we could generate enough powerful, literally "good" vibes, that we could make some change for good? I think it is possible, through community engagement, by growing as agents of change, and by feeling strong in the safety net of a music ensemble where we are accepted and loved for who we are. We are able to communicate some of these ideals simply by our existence as an ensemble. And we want to spread this rich feeling of love for humanity through music.

In music, and so in life, the fugal line connects one to the other, like the kinetic, electric energy of hands holding at the end of our services, so that we are augmented to face a world of challenges that needs us to keep our hearts open to love, to teach our children to work hard for change. When we sing and make music together, this energy is passed around from one to another. Long after the Plagal cadence brings us to a peaceful Amen, after the scalar ascendance to heights we are striving for is followed by the intricate, half-step movement of resolution, when the intervallic leaps and harmonies of the morning have stopped at the end of the service, we carry with us the life force of breath to do the good work of our church.

Come join the Music Program at UUCL. We are musicians of many genres and skill levels. There is a place for you here. We believe strongly in the good work of UUCL and want to actively participate in it and take it into the streets. Music can be our vehicle as agents of change. Come make a difference.

Sounding Board

Jerry Morrison, President, Board of Directors

On January 6, 2017, with the authorization of the Board of Directors, I signed as President of UUCL, a contract with Solar Energy Solutions, LLC to employ such company to design and install a solar electric generation system. The entire funding for this project came from a "gift" given by Ruth and Bob Straus whose wish was that the monies be invested in equipment providing energy and cost savings for the long-term. A task force of the Board analyzed several different alternative energy projects and found that solar arrays fastened to the Fellowship Hall and new extension roofs would be the best fit and provide the greatest savings in the church electricity costs. Ruth and Bob have made it known to the Board that they are excited about the project and the Board is so thankful to Ruth and Bob for their wonderful gift.

The actual installation of the solar panels (120 panels each capable of producing 280 watts and in total are estimated to produce 40,870 KW annually) is scheduled to commence on Monday, February 13, with a tentative completion date of Saturday, February 18. With this production of wattage, UUCL would save \$4,600 annually in utility costs. I invited Mr. Bill Slater, a representative of Solar Energy Solutions (a local Lexington business) to come to our church on Sunday, February 26, for a quick briefing and time for questions. I want to single out my wife Linda, for all her consistent work as the UUCL representative in meeting with several contractors, and researching the contractor's business references as well as the solar equipment.

The installation should cause no disruptions to Sunday church services, as the labor will be done during the week. There will be a period that the contractor will be using a truck and trailer (carrying a cable used to hoist up the panels to the roof) that needs to be kept in our parking lot for several weeks. The time for completion will depend on weather. At the earliest UUCL will be generating electricity through the power of the sun by the end of February.

I like to add that with such a large project in terms of panels and power production, UUCL may become one of the largest "resident solar energy producers" in the area, and the Board will work on making this a news story. The Union Church (Berea KY) just had solar panels installed by this contractor (a total of 70 panels) and the church representative has given us a very good performance rating on both the install and equipment performance. Finally, let me mention that this project is a step in a plan that the Board is now working on to include finding the funding to fix all our buildings to make them more energy efficient and sustainable for the next generation.

On behalf of the Board,

Yours truly,

Jerry Morrison

President



Our Mission: *We live our Unitarian Universalist values by acting for human dignity, equality, and environmental justice for all creatures.*
Our Vision: *We are building a caring community, open to all, that treasures free thought, joyful celebration, lifelong learning, and generous service.*
 UUCL is a [Green Sanctuary](#) and [Welcoming Congregation](#).



Church Matters

Reminders and Congregational Classifieds

Give Away The Plate

UUCL strives to be a place that connects with the UU world and Bluegrass community in meaningful ways. To that end, on the First Sunday of each month, we share our offering with local organizations.

| 2016 Summary | | 2017 Schedule | |
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| The Emerson Center | \$383.00 | January | Partner Church in Romania |
| The Nest | \$671.12 | February | Give Kids A Home |
| Partner Church in Romania | \$697.50 | March | Green Dot Lexington |
| God's Pantry | \$718.31 | April | KY Refugee Ministries |
| Glean KY | \$769.50 | May | Planned Parenthood of IN/KY |
| Cardinal Valley Elementary | \$766.72 | June | Southern Poverty Law Center |
| KY Refugee Ministries | \$425.00 | July | Partner Church in Romania |
| The Hope Center | \$653.40 | August | Cardinal Valley Elementary |
| Partner Church in Romania | \$722.55 | September | ACLU Foundation |
| UU Service Committee | \$735.50 | October | NAMI Lexington |
| Supplies Over Seas | \$703.55 | November | Chuck Sohner Award Recipient's Choice |
| Discretionary Fund | \$1,591.00 | December | Discretionary Fund |
| TOTAL | \$8,837.15 | | |

Silver Chalice, Chuck Sohner, and Unsung Hero Awards

The Nominating Committee is accepting recommendations for the following awards given annually to UUCL members:

- **Silver Chalice Award** - conferred upon two individuals who have significantly benefitted the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington over an extended period of time
- **Chuck Sohner Award** - conferred upon one individual who has significantly benefitted society over an extended period of time; awarded in May
- **Unsung Hero Award** - conferred upon individuals who have significantly benefitted UUCL, but do not qualify for either the Silver Chalice or Chuck Sohner Awards; awarded in November

Any member of UUCL may be suggested for the award, but a person can receive each award only once. Past Silver Chalice recipients are on an engraved plaque beside the kitchen and can be found on our website at <http://uucl.org/UUCL-Awards>.

To facilitate the Committee's decision-making process, priority will be given to **written recommendations** which include the following:

- name of person or people, and award for which they are being recommended
- person's membership date, if known
- reason person is being recommended
- supporting evidence, such as dates of participation

You may submit your confidential nomination online at: <http://uucl.org/Silver-ChaliceChuck-Sohner> or <http://uucl.org/Unsung-Hero>, or by emailing any Nominating Committee member. This year's committee members are: [Jennifer Crossen](#), [Fran D'Andrea](#), [Erika Emrick](#), [Jeff Jones](#), [Tim Pillar-Little](#), and [Rachel Wade-Harper](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Congregational Events

First Sunday Potlucks

February 5, March 5, April 2
Fellowship Hall, After Service

Bring a hearty dish to share, and join us for fellowship and food on the first Sunday of each month after the service. This is a great time to meet people in the community. Keep your eyes on the eNews for the [signup link](#) to volunteer to help with setup, serving, or cleanup. As always, visitors and newcomers are invited to be first in line!

Fair Trade Chocolate And Music Night

Saturday, February 11
Great Hall, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Admission tickets are \$5 and Chocolate Passes are \$5 for five treats. Entertainment begins at 7:00 PM with Matt, Margot, and David, followed by MidLife Harmony with acoustic music of the 70s and 80s. Sign up [here](#) to bring a Fair Trade Chocolate dish and get a free admission ticket! Our Coming of Age Youth thank you for supporting their fundraiser. Contact: Stacey Stone, uucldre@uucl.org.

UU Justice - Rise Up!

Sunday, February 12
Great Hall, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Join us as we get organized for social action. Our goal is to collaborate on social justice causes and choose two achievable actions for UUCL to learn about, support, and follow through with leadership and church participation. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Contact: Rev. Brian Chenoweth, minister@uucl.org.

Green Dot Training

Saturday, February 25
Great Hall, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

As UUs we are called to create a world community with peace, liberty, and justice. [Green Dot Lexington](#) is empowering people with training and awareness to intervene when they see what could become an incident of power-based personal violence. If we have a number of UUCL members trained to be "Green Dots," the positive effects could help create a safer Lexington community. Register for this training [here](#) or RSVP to office@uucl.org. Space is limited to the first 25 people. Lunch and a T-shirt are included, free of charge. Recommended for over age 18, but you do not need to be a UUCL member to attend.

Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, February 26
Great Hall, After Service

A representative from Solar Energy Solutions will be providing a presentation on the new solar electric generation system. Contact: Jerry Morrison, president@uucl.org.

LexCUUPS Ostara Ritual

Saturday, March 18
Allen House, 7:00 PM

Ostara is the celebration of the Spring Equinox, and is seen as the time of total balance - the longest day and longest night, not Winter and not yet Spring. It marks the rebirth of nature and is also a time for introspection, meditation, and evaluation of the current events and attitudes in your life. Contact: Cailet, cailetllyntegid@hotmail.com.

UUCL Service Auction

Saturday, April 15

Save the date for UUCL's annual fundraiser! Look for more information coming soon in The Weekly eNews.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16
Great Hall, 11:00 AM

This service will be for all ages, and an Easter Egg Hunt will follow afterward. To participate, please bring one dozen filled eggs per child. Contact: Stacey Stone, uucldre@uucl.org.

LexCUUPS Beltane Ritual

Saturday, April 29
Allen House, 7:00 PM

Beltane is an ancient Celtic festival, best known for the dancing around the Maypole, which marks the Cross Quarter Day, halfway between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice. Beltane rituals often centered around fires and were practiced to ensure fertility and protect the people from harm by otherworldly spirits. Contact: Cailet, cailetllyntegid@hotmail.com.

Learn More About Unitarian Universalism

Are you new to UUCL?
Want to learn more about
Unitarian Universalism?

All are welcome
to join us for UU 101.
Our next gatherings will be:

February 19
March 19
April 16



Get Involved

Groups, Teams, and More

Adult Choir

Wednesdays, Great Hall, 6:30 PM

Join the UUCL Singers as they rehearse and have a blast!
Contact: Sally McCord, music@uucl.org.

Breakfast at the [Catholic Action Center](#)

3rd & 4th Saturdays, 400 East 5th Street, 8:30 AM

We prepare and serve breakfast. Contact: Marion Joseph, marionjoseph@sbcglobal.net.

Caring Shawls Group

Offer your knitting and crocheting to those who need comfort. Contact: Betsy Packard, 859-433-3256.

Covenant Groups

Participate in deep conversations on a variety of topics.
Contact: Eric Huffer, ehuffer13@yahoo.com.

EMBERS

Sundays, Fellowship Hall, 2:30 PM

Family-friendly group focusing on honoring the Earth.
Contact: Susan Short, seshort525@gmail.com.

Environmental Task Force

Increasing awareness of sustainable living within our congregation and community. Contact: Hendrika Pauley, hendrikapauley@yahoo.com.

Game Night

2nd & 4th Thursdays, Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM

Join us for board games, card games, word games, etc.
Contact: Erika Emrick, erikaemrick@gmail.com.

Holley Bookstore

Sundays, Foyer, 12:30 PM

Selling books and fair trade items. Closed first Sundays.
Contact: Rachel Wade-Harper, redewrwh@gmail.com.

[Humanist Forum](#)

1st Thursdays, Great Hall, 7:00 PM

Freethought discussion group. Contact: Clay Maney, cmaney@pronetech.com.

LexCUUPS

Sundays, Allen House, 1:00 PM

Promoting Pagan spirituality. All are welcome to attend.
Contact: Caillet, cailletllyntegid@hotmail.com.

Membership Team

Help make UUCL a welcoming community. Contact: Ashley Bryant Cheney, bryant.cheney@gmail.com

Men's Night Out

2nd Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

All UU men and friends are welcome. Contact: Van Underwood, vanunderwood@hotmail.com.

Mentoring at [Cardinal Valley Elementary](#)

Spend an hour a week with a third, fourth, or fifth grader.
Contact: Liz Hansen, liz.hansen13@gmail.com.

Penny Circle Women's Group

All UU women and friends are welcome. Contact: Liz Hansen, liz.hansen13@gmail.com.

Property Council

4th Sundays, Green Classroom, 12:30 PM

How can you help maintain the building and grounds of UUCL? Contact: Rick Hall, richardhall@twc.com.

Sitting Meditation

Sundays, Allen House, 9:00 AM

Meditation in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. Contact: Kari O'Connor, indigohilldesigns@gmail.com.

Sunday Sangha

Sundays, Allen House, 9:45 AM

A group-led, adult Buddhist discussion hour. Contact: Kari O'Connor, indigohilldesigns@gmail.com.

Young Adults

Connect with other UUs age 18-35. Contact: Liz Pillar-Little, epillar86@gmail.com.

Groups Using Our Building

[Nia](#) *Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM*

A holistic fitness practice combining dance, martial arts, and mindfulness. Nia is for every body and fitness level.
Contact: Marie Conger, mccconger@gmail.com.

[Fayette Cooperating Preschool and Kindergarten](#)

This non-profit, non-discriminatory, independent educational institution shares our facilities year-round, and UUCL follows a [Safe Congregation Policy](#).

[Taoist Tai Chi](#)

Mondays, 11:00 AM, & Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
Visitors are welcome to observe. Contact: Pat Griffin, taoisttaichilexington@gmail.com.

Please check *The Weekly eNews* and the [UUCL Facebook](#) page for more details.

DEADLINES

The next Uniview deadline is: **April 17.**

The Order of Service & The Weekly eNews submissions are due: **Thursday by 9:00 AM.**



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Contact: Chris LoBue, cmlobue@gmail.com.



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