Mark Your Calendars!
Upcoming Events and Important Dates Ahead*

Saturday, June 3
Program Team meets at UUCL (10:00 a.m.)

Sunday, June 4
Social Justice Team meets at UUCL (12:15 p.m.)

Monday, June 5
Discussion of Strategic Plan (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 10
Women’s Group at Emily Russell’s (2:00-4:00 p.m.)*

Sunday, June 11
UUCL Annual Meeting (12:30 after light lunch)*

Wednesday, June 14
An Evening with Priscilla Howe (7-8 p.m.)*

Saturday, July 15
Soulful Suppers (Luncheons this time!)*

July 31-August 4
Harry Potter Social Justice Camp*

*See body of newsletter for more information

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY JUNE 11
Notes from our Co-Chairs Martha and Bob Burbank

As our year as co-chairs of the Board draws to a close next month, we wanted to share a few thoughts with you all.

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who has put their time, love, energy and resources into the work we all do together. Many exciting things are happening in our building and outside of our walls, and this will continue to grow in the months and years to come. Each of you makes a contribution in your own way.

We need everyone to make a big contribution on June 11 by attending the Annual Meeting and casting their vote on the Strategic Plan, the 2017-18 Budget and the slate of officers for the upcoming year. Several absences of Board members necessitated the moving of the meeting from May to June this year, and we’re hoping most members can come, but realize there may be some folks who have trips planned already, or other conflicts. IF YOU CANNOT BE PRESENT, BE SURE TO SECURE A PROXY VOTER TO CAST YOUR BALLOTS SO YOUR VOTE WILL BE COUNTED. We will be sending out proxy instructions next week. If you are available to attend, join us on June 11 right after the Service. A light lunch will be provided and the meeting will start promptly at 12:30.

So many positive changes are happening—the Hospitality Teams are in full-swing, the Connection Cards are helping us track and meet people’s needs and requests, the proposed Strategic Plan presented to the congregation on May 20 and 21 will “WOW” you with its possibilities for our future.
Thank you all for your support, your hard work and your encouragement this past year. It has
been such a privilege to be involved in the leadership of this community and we look forward to us all moving forward together.

~ Martha and Bob Burbank

Below you will find two slates of nominees for the forthcoming fiscal year (July 1 2017 – June 30, 2018). Both slates will presented for election at our UUCL Annual Business Meeting on June 11 at noon in the Sanctuary. The first slate lists the nominees for UUCL Officers and Board member, and the second slate lists the nominees for the Nomination Committee.

Nominations for UUCL officers, Executive Board member, and the next Nominating Committee members may also be made from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting.

**UUCL EXECUTIVE BOARD SLATE OF OFFICERS**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

Chair- Elect: Ann Alexander
Secretary: John Brewer
Member-At-Large: Michelle Iwig-Harmon
Treasurer: position is pending and will be announced as soon as possible

**UUCL NOMINATION COMMITTEE SLATE**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**

Chair: Bob OR Martha Burbank (TBD)
Graham Kreicker
Lynne Renick
Denise Perpich
Ted Wilson

**UPCOMING 9:30 SUNDAY TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS**

June 4  
Artist Andrew Todd will present his “Quixotic Odyssey.”
Andrew has been a UU for several years and has been attending the UUCL since October. He has special experience with UU youth groups.

June 11  
Andrea Warren, a former member of our congregation, will speak to us about her newest book "The Boy Who Became Buffalo Bill - Growing Up Billy Cody in Bleeding Kansas". There is much local Kansas history in this engaging book, and we can learn the fascinating story of how "growing up in Bleeding Kansas in those years before the Civil War had shaped him, and how that experience had propelled him and prepared him for what he was to become: the world's greatest showman and the embodiment of the American West in its glory days."

June 18  
A program of "family stories" from UUCL members and friends. We'll hear some of the family stories of the kind that are told at every family reunion - "do you remember the time that...?" or the stories that provide a certain response every time they are told. ..? Stories are a great way to get to know each other better, and we hope the first stories told will prompt congregational members to kick in with more as the morning progresses. Please join us for telling and listening to our stories on this Father's Day morning.

June 25  
Leigh Stearns on “Glaciers.”
Our Soul Matters theme for June

What Does It Mean To Be A Community of Joy?

“And God saw everything that God had made, and behold, it was very good.”
- The Book of Genesis

“In my own worst seasons I’ve come back from the colorless world of despair by forcing myself to look hard, for a long time, at a single glorious thing: a flame of red geranium outside my bedroom window. And then another: my daughter in a yellow dress. And another: the perfect outline of a full, dark sphere behind the crescent moon. Until I learned to be in love with my life again. Like a stroke victim retraining new parts of the brain to grasp lost skills, I have taught myself joy, over and over again.”
- Barbara Kingsolver

Be careful this month. Our theme of joy is deceptive. One could easily see this is a way to end the year “on a light note.” But there’s deep work for us to do with this topic.

There have been many religious perspectives that begin with the idea that this world is broken, a place of misery and pain, toil and struggle. We are told that our job is to survive it, indeed transcend it, through sacrifice, confession of our own brokenness, and an industrious “Protestant work ethic.” Joy is reserved for a time far off and found in a heaven granted to those who earn it.

And yet there are others – Unitarians Universalists included – that just don’t see it this way. They look out, and like the God of Genesis, their response is “behold, it is good!” The “problem” according to this spiritual view lies not so much in a fallen, irredeemable world but with our limited perspective. Heaven, as our UU forbearers argued, is right here on earth; our job is to see it and take pleasure in
it. And far from being indulgent or seductive, this “work” of pleasure and delight is the key to humanizing us. As Barbara Kingsolver’s words suggest, joy has the power to transform us.

With “one, long, holy stare at a single glorious thing,” we are suddenly re-connected. Balance is restored. We see the world not simply as brutish, broken and dangerous, but also as gentle, surprising and woven through with a Love that will not let us go. This simple act of sacred staring is not about distraction. It’s about achieving a wider view. It’s about stepping back and seeing it all as a gift. When we feel joy, we don’t simply feel delight in one tiny piece of the world; we feel welcomed back in – connected once again to the whole.

In this sense, as many have said, the opposite of joy is not sadness, but isolation and disconnection. Joy doesn’t just make us feel happy; It restores relationship. And not just relationship to the world, but also to the Divine. Theologian John Cobb describes God as “the all of everything.” Joy places us within that whole not outside it. In this way, the experience of joy is very much also the experience of God.

So, friends, are you ready for that? Are you ready to be welcomed back in? If so, look around. There are dozens of “glorious things” inviting you to return.

**Worship Services for June**

**June 4**
**Global Flower Communion**
UUCL joins the Unitarian Church of Prague and UU congregations around the world in this celebration of the 95 anniversary of this beloved ritual celebrating unity in diversity, appreciation of uniqueness of every individual, and a joyful spring festival of life.

**June 11**
**Joyful Multiculturalism in a Puritan Tradition**
Unitarian Universalist worship culture reflects our beginnings in the rational Enlightenment and the Puritan churches of New England. It’s often accused of being elitist, joyless, and “white-centered.” How does this translate into twenty-first century UUism and our commitment to diversity, multiculturalism, and anti-racism? Come prepared to express joy in diverse ways rather than just discussing it!

**June 18**
**Juneteenth**
We celebrate the 19-century emancipation of Black folk nationwide and a call to continue the work of liberation

**June 25**
**Joy in All Things**
Where do we find the joyful connections that place us within the whole, rather than outside?

**SOULFUL SUPPERS**
The next Soulful Suppers will a **potluck lunch, on July 15 (Sat.)**. The subject will be family and ancestry. We need hosts and facilitators as soon as possible. Remember that this a lunch, so can be fairly light and cool. Will send out notifications for online sign ups soon for participants. We
need hosts and facilitators now. Contact Judy Wilson at jjwilson18@gmail.com if you are willing to help. Watch for more info soon.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

MONTHLY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Each week, our Sunday collection is given to a community organization that reflects our values and is chosen by our Social Action and Justice Team,

COMMUNITY CONNECTION FOR JUNE 2017
Our agency of the month for June will be Van Go. Van Go is an arts-based, social service agency that employs at-risk youth ages 14-24, to make public works of art that are sold in the community. Its holistic, year-round programming uses the ARTS to deliver in-depth mental health support, job training, health nutrition education, and life skills lessons. Van Go’s nationally recognized programming gives troubled teens a job, real world skills and opportunity to succeed.

SAJT NEWS

Social Justice Team Monthly Report for May and Upcoming Events
May 19, Malcolm X birthday, Malcolm was the leading black nationalist and political radical of the 1960s. His image and words have been popularized in films and music videos, in posters, poetry and political literature.

Social Action and Justice Team is by consensus changing its name to Social Justice Team of U.U.C.L. The team acts according to the call of justice in the areas of combatting racism; promoting awareness of the immigrant experience; advocating for low-cost and affordable housing for the many residents who are rent-stressed or evicted; and working to build awareness of the need for environmental justice in Douglas County and the nation.

Activities in June will include presence at a KIFA press conference at the Statehouse, attending a Town Hall meeting in Overland Park on healthcare and the need for Medicaid expansion. And there will be a viewing of a "Pollinators" mural followed by a celebration on June 9.

How Our Community Connections Contributions Matter
Centro Hispano’s DACA Scholarship Initiative
Lydia Diebolt, Centro Hispano Director, recently provided feedback on how our UUCL Community Connection contribution is assisting with getting their DACA Scholarship Initiative underway this summer. DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is a policy acknowledging that undocumented children arriving here at a young age have largely been raised here in the U.S., and the policy is seen as a way for youth with good behavior to study and work legally in the U.S. However, these young men and women (Dreamers) do not qualify for Federal Student Aid, and find it very challenging financially to pursue postsecondary education.
The Centro Hispano DACA Scholarship Initiative will help local DACA recipients/Dreamers who are graduates of Lawrence high schools in their postsecondary efforts by assisting with payment for their books, supplies and other tuition-related expenses for two semesters. Education can be for community college training and 2 year programs, as well as 4 year programs. The scholarship selection committee is community based, hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church, and includes UUCL member Marta Caminero-Santangelo as a committee participant. Centro Hispano has funding to begin the scholarship program, and has several fundraising efforts underway to ensure sustainability of the program. For example, in one significant project this summer, local Latino families are volunteering their time and talent to make and sell tamales to sustain the scholarship program fund. Our UUCL Community Connection contribution will be used to purchase supplies for this fundraising project.

If you’d like to further support the scholarship initiative by ordering tamales, please contact Valerie Roper, vgracev@sunflower.com for an order form. Orders will be accepted until July 1; tamales will be made after that date, and customers pay for them upon receipt. Orders can be for individual tamales, or by the half-dozen or dozen. Pork tamales with red sauce and chicken tamales with green sauce are on the order form, and vegetarian tamales are available upon request.

**LIFELONG LEARNING**
Bonnie Blosser

**A STORYTELLING EVENING**
WITH PRISCILLA HOWE

**A multigenerational and family event!**
CONNECT ~ REFLECT ~ ENJOY

Priscilla will begin our time together with a delightful, fun story for all ages.

*The workshop portion will focus on basic story elements, storytelling techniques and performance jitters as well as the use of gesture, voice and the five senses.*

Wednesday evening
June 14th, 7-8 pm
at UUCL

Younger children will be invited to attend child focused story games and activities during the workshop portion.

Storytelling with Priscilla Howe – Summertime memories are even sweeter when you can relive them through story (with flair and possibly some embellishments!) Award winning, local storyteller Priscilla Howe is coming to UUCL! She will begin with a story for all ages followed by giving some tips for delivering engaging stories. Our time together will be short but memorable (maybe even worthy of a story plot!)

Bring friends, grandparents or traveling guests!
Rocks!

Our summer RE curriculum combines paint and rocks with our 7 principles, hide and seek and community outreach! Best of all it is multigenerational! Anyone can join our children for a quick discussion on one of our 7 principles to get ideas flowing for words and images that affirm and represent. Near the end of June (when we have painted a ton of rocks) we will 'hide' our rocks throughout Lawrence for others to ‘discover’. Social media will help us spread the word about the gifts we will be sharing and for finders to participate in the fun through photo’s and stories.

There is a short video here of the founder of Tacoma Rocks!

Donations of smooth rocks (peach size and smaller) are now being accepted! Please place donations in the bucket just inside the RE wing (as tempting as it may be -do not collect rocks from your neighbors landscaping!)
Harry Potter Social Justice Camp is ON for July 31st - Aug 4th!
QUIDDITCH, POTIONS and HERBOLOGY oh my! Registration for our 32 camp spots (ages 5-10) will be up soon. I will send out an eblast when online registration is live. Several folks have already committed to having fun through a few key positions but we still have many ways you can create Hogwarts-style magic! Junior Prefects (grades 7-8) and Prefects (grades 9-12) must register but tuition is waived as these youth will be practicing their leadership skills. There will be a mandatory training workshop the week before camp. All Prefects need to be at camp from 12:15-4:30 for daily pre and post camp huddles.

**Harry Potter Social Justice Camp 2017**
Monday July 31st – Friday August 4th  One-Four pm

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<th>Volunteer Role</th>
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<td><strong>Head of House</strong> - 2 more positions open!</td>
<td>Supervise Prefects and campers as they/you lead your house campers through activities such as crafts, secret handshakes, chants etc</td>
<td>M-F 12:45 – 4:15 (this position may be split into early afternoon and later afternoon M-F. Attendance at Friday evening potluck and show highly preferred.</td>
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<td><strong>Academy Elves</strong> - These roles are key for camp! 4 camp elves needed</td>
<td>Main duty will be serving house snack but NOT interacting with campers in order to create an air of inequity and privilege. Elf ‘slaves’ will be freed at the potluck/show Friday evening through the gifts of ‘clothing’ (our social justice project for the week)</td>
<td>M-F 2:00-2:45 pm (snack time). Friday evening assembly/show</td>
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<td><strong>Behind the scenes Elves</strong> – key roles but outside of camp hours – minimum 4</td>
<td>Help as needed – creative, fun, energetic. Create nomination letter, Owl delivery of letter and much more!</td>
<td>Flexible availability for project needs but might want to help with set up Sunday /Monday morning afternoon before camp</td>
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<td><strong>Academy Professors</strong> – 5 spots are open</td>
<td>Lead Divination, Potions, Magical Creatures, Defense of the Dark Arts, Quidditch (we have ideas but tell us your idea!) Camp social justice theme is inequity and privilege. Preferably in character but not required.</td>
<td>Minimal pre-camp prep unless you go wild creating your character! Two 45 minute classes for one day - you pick:Tuesday-Friday. Potluck, show and Sunday service optional. All supplies provided.</td>
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<td><strong>Cafeteria Elves</strong> - 4</td>
<td>Potluck set-up and clean up</td>
<td>Friday evening 5:00-8:30</td>
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<td><strong>Projector Elf</strong> - 1</td>
<td>Run movie in sanctuary Friday night</td>
<td>Friday night 8:30 – 10:30 pm</td>
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<td><strong>Construction Elves</strong> - 3</td>
<td>Help set up Academy atmosphere</td>
<td>Sunday afternoon/Monday morning</td>
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<td>Deconstruction Elves - 3</td>
<td>Magically return UUCL to church state with no appearance of our weeklong Academy takeover</td>
<td>Clean up Saturday morning after camp.</td>
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<td>Magical minds – minimum 4</td>
<td>Assist with creative planning and problem solving. Pinterest follower or some creative crafting experience helpful. Helping camp coordinators in creating schedules and recruiting help/resources</td>
<td>Meetings and email conversations and planning starting now and running to start of camp.</td>
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<td>Prefects – 1- 5 more positions are open</td>
<td>High School youth (entering grades 9-12 in fall). Lead your house campers in fun activities. Assist with friendship building and maintain atmosphere of inclusion and respect. Excellent volunteer leadership opportunity for college applications.</td>
<td>Pre camp mandatory workshop (the week before, time TBD). Camp set up Sunday afternoon/Monday morning is optional but will be lots of fun! M-T 12:30-4:30 for camp. Friday 12:30-10:30 pm? Mandatory Saturday morning clean up.</td>
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<td>Junior Prefects – at least 1 more position open</td>
<td>Middle School youth (entering 6-8 grades in fall). Assist with house activities as needed.</td>
<td>Pre camp mandatory workshop (the week before, time TBD). Camp set up Sunday afternoon/Monday morning is optional but will be lots of fun! M-T 12:30-4:30 for camp. Friday 12:30-10:30 pm? Mandatory Saturday morning clean up.</td>
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**Adult Faith Development**

*Faith Like a River continues- It’s not too late to sign up!*

In these times of political turmoil, Unitarian Universalism seems even more relevant. Your Adult Faith Development program here at UUCL hopes to give you more grounding in our faith to help you face our unfolding reality. Starting in April, we’ll be offering the course *Faith Like a River*. This course explores Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist (UU) history—the people, ideas, and movements that have shaped our faith heritage. It invites participants to place themselves into our history and consider its legacies. What lessons do the stories of our history teach that can help us live more faithfully in the present? What lessons do they offer to be lived into the future?
Each month, we'll focus on a different topic. You may register for only one topic, several topics or all of the topics. All of the sessions will be held at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Here's the schedule:

5/7, 5/14, 5/21-- Prophets and Social Justice
6/4, 6/11, 6/18-- Institutionalism (the U and the U and the UU)
7/2, 7/9, 7/16-- Diverse Community
8/6, 8/13, 8/20-- Unitarian Universalist Identity
You may register here: http://uufl.net/faith-like-a-river/ or on the clipboard in the lobby.

MUSIC NOTES

It is Summer! Well maybe not officially, but on the UUCL Music Department calendar, it is! The UUCL choir sang for the final time this spring on the last Sunday in May. Now we will enjoy the multi-talented individuals who are part of our congregation. In June, you will be able to enjoy piano solos by some youth; a jazz trio offering “My Romance”; a Juneteenth celebration featuring the rousing “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” with vocal, piano, saxophone and drum set! My goodness, how great is all that?

I want to send out a special thank you to faithful UUCL choir members! You are all so great and you make my life so much easier. Also, a special thank you to our choir accompanists. You know how much I rely on you! And I don’t forget the pianists who provide music for our services on a rotating basis. You are all so very much appreciated.

We are planning a drumming circle in early June and another on July 22. You don’t need to have any drumming experience to participate as Dylan is a fantastic and enthusiastic instructor who makes drumming extremely accessible and fun! Many of the participants in the earlier workshop found drumming to be a meditative and spiritual experience, as the group all comes together in rhythm. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me.

Watch UUCL Members and Friends Facebook page for information on these summer events.

Our UUCL Music Community welcomes all who would like to share their talents with the UUCL Greater Community. For information, please contact: Susan Harper, UUCL Music Director, UUCLMusicDirector@gmail.com 785-830-8487.

UUCL SUMMER YOGA JUNE 4- JULY 16

We are pleased to announce our summer session! Improve balance, flexibility & wellbeing. Focus on individual practice to improve your health. Yoga for all levels, for beginners & intermediate. Six week pass or drop-in option. Dates: June 4- July 16 (no class June 11 UUCL meeting); Time: 12:30-1:30 p.m., Six week pass: $42, Drop in: $10; call 785-691-7662 or email peacelovejoyyoga@gmail.com

Thanks to all who made UUCL spring yoga a success!
ART EXHIBITION IN FOUNDERS HALL

“Reconnect” -- Prints by Justin Marable, with Lisa Grossman on the walls and sterling silver jewelry by Bailey Marable will be up through June 25.

THIRD THURSDAY UUCL MEDITATION GROUP

Beginners, family and friends alike are invited to participate again on June 15 in the UUCL Meditation Group monthly session from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. This ongoing, open group has met at UUCL for over 4 years. Though largely derived from Buddhist traditions, our mindfulness meditation sessions are nonsectarian. We meet in the sanctuary, using the chairs there for sitting.

Leader Jeff Nichols, a mindfulness meditator since 1975, is a psychiatric physician with background in biofeedback and psychophysiology who’s taught relaxation and meditation skills for many years.

UUCL sessions are offered on a voluntary donation basis; donations are shared with UUCL. If you have questions about the group or would like more information, please contact Dale Nimz at dale.nimz@gmail.com, or Valerie Roper at vgracev@sunflower.com.

UUCL WOMEN’S GROUP

The UUCL Women’s Group will meet on the second Saturday of June, June 10, from 2-4PM at the home of Emily Russell, Presbyterian Manor Duplex G-2. All are welcome, especially the newer and younger among us. Please bring a friend and join us for a pleasant afternoon of conversation and conviviality. Bring a snack to share if you wish, but mostly come ready to enjoy each other’s company. Contact Lynne Bodle, 843-8263 or mlbodle2@gmail.com for a ride or for further information. We hope to see you there!

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or call UFL office, 842-3339
This team provides short-term practical assistance, e.g., meals, respite, rides.

Transportation Line
785-842-7529 (to UFL events or medical appointments)

Pastoral Care Associates: Rev. Jill Jarvis at 816-853-6530 jjarvis1@kc.rr.com or Deb Russell at email Deb@Ks-Russels.com
This team provides confidential listening for those experiencing bereavement, illness, unemployment, life transitions, aging, loneliness, etc.

Minister Office Hours
Rev. Jill Jarvis’ hours tend to be variable. It is best to contact her for an appointment 816/853-6530 or mailto:jjarvis1@kc.rr.com

Director of Lifelong Learning
Bonnie Blosser works at her UFL office and from home Sunday through Wednesday Contact her at ufl.dll@gmail.com or call 785-318-6030 for an appointment.

Administrative Office Hours:
Administrative office hours are typically
Monday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Please be sure to call first, 785-842-3339, if coming out during the week as doors are kept locked.