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### **Kings Island Pride Night** **Friday, Sept 29**

The GLSO Pride Center is selling tickets to the tenth annual King's Island Pride Night to be held Friday evening, Sept. 29, from 6 pm to midnight.

If you buy your ticket at the Pride Center, the cost is \$41.99. GLSO will make a few dollars on each ticket. Tickets will cost more at the door. Drop by the center between 10 am and 3 pm - call Bill at 253-3233 to be sure someone is here. For more information about this year's event visit [www.pkipridenight.com](http://www.pkipridenight.com).

### **Bluegrass Fairness & KCCJ**

#### **Joint Project- Domestic Partner Benefits**

The Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice and the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance have joined forces to advocate for the immediate implementation of domestic partner benefits in Kentucky's colleges and universities.

In light of the community's response to the University of Louisville's approval of domestic partner benefits, KCCJ and Bluegrass KFA have decided to release this statement to insist on and to support providing domestic partner benefits to employees of higher educational institutes in Kentucky.

If Kentucky wishes to become a leader and to ensure that more of its citizens receive quality health care, it will create, implement, and manage a domestic partner benefits policy for those who work in its system of higher academia.

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### **CLOSET BALL** **WEDNESDAY, AUG 30**

Join the Imperial Court of Kentucky in the search for Lexington's next Drag Diva as they host The Julie Vaughn Memorial Closet Ball on Wednesday, August 30th at the Bar Complex. Doors will open at 8:30, with the show starting at 9:30. Cover is \$5, with the proceeds benefitting the charities of the Court--including Moveable Feast Lexington, GLSO, AVOL, Kentucky Fairness Alliance, and Bluegrass Fairness.

Anyone who has never performed for tips is eligible to enter, and applications are available by contacting Emperor 25 John Ridener at [Ursaloco2@aol.com](mailto:Ursaloco2@aol.com). Contestants must first present themselves in their birth gender, and then have one hour to transform to the opposite gender, after which they will perform one number. Entry fee is \$10.

Closet Ball is one of the Court's most popular annual events, so get there early to insure that you get a (good) seat.

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Many reasons and arguments exist for an institution to provide domestic partner benefits. For example, old benefits models that rely on marriage to determine who is eligible for coverage ignore dramatic changes in the American family in recent years. The percentage of households fitting the traditional definition of the family, a husband and wife living with their children, is 40 percent according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Contrary to popular opinion, domestic partner benefits neither equate marriage to domestic partnerships nor denounce the significance of traditional marriage; instead, it promotes and supports committed relationships among not only homosexual couples but also heterosexual couples who may not desire marriage for a variety of reasons. Furthermore, DP benefits allow employees to provide benefits for parents whose primary caretaker is the employee. Employees who take on the burden of caring for a parent deserve the ability to do so well.

In terms of the cost to the state and school, typically it costs the college the same to insure domestic partners as married partners. Most cases indicate a lesser cost. A study by Jeff Jones at the University of Kentucky, which one can find at <http://www.uky.edu/PCD/> demonstrates that an employee's family suffers an annual loss or additional cost of \$4,274 without domestic partner benefits.

If the educational institute suffers no economic loss, it behooves the university to provide benefits that will save its employees thousands of dollars. Furthermore, many top-ranked schools have domestic partner benefits for their employees. In fact, more than 75% of the top twenty public research universities offer some type of domestic partner benefits.

Any company that claims not to discriminate is violating its own non-discrimination policy when it does not make benefits available on equal terms regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. Many companies such as Lexmark, Ford, GE, UPS, and others have realized this fact and have begun offering DP benefits. Not one of those organizations has reported even a single



# Community News

## YES

### **Fairness** *continued*

occurrence of fraudulent use because employees who sign up for domestic partner benefits have to show more proof of a relationship than that of a married couple.

KCCJ interim executive director Shannon Stuart-Smith emphasizes, "As a social justice organization, we expect our institutions and leaders to stand up for individual rights and recognize employment benefits are not privileges. Melissa Williams, summer intern at KCCJ, has completed extensive research on domestic partner benefits for employees.

She augments "The reality of the matter is there are people out there who are very deeply connected financially and should be extended the same rights of sharing both debt and benefits. I don't believe we would be having the same debate if this were an issue of allowing people to share the responsibility of paying loans, buying a car, or even a house."

The Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice and the Bluegrass Chapter of Kentucky Fairness Alliance propose the question: What is good for society? One answer is fairness and equality for all employees. Based upon that answer alone, KCCJ and Bluegrass KFA urge the presidents of Kentucky's colleges and universities to respond to the current issue of domestic partner benefits.

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Yes, the newsletter is shorter this month. Two reasons - We are trying out a new printer copier and quite a bit of time has gone into learning how to use this machine. In addition, we have had fewer submissions this month. Perhaps many people are taking time to enjoy the last part of summer.

### **Write for this Newsletter**

We do appreciate all of you that have written for the newsletter and encourage new people to send in a sample of your work to [lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonglso@yahoo.com)

### **Become an Editor**

We could use editors for feature articles, community news, or the religious section.

Call Mary at 266-5904

or Bill at the Pride Center 253-3233

### **Volunteer at the Pride Center**

Keep the Pride Center open and answer the phones on an evening from 3 to 5 or 5 to 7 or on some Saturdays.

### **Dress and Gender Alliance**

The Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance (also known as the Diversity in Gender Alliance) is reorganizing. We would love your input on a variety of organizational matters. We still meet on the first Saturday of each month at a private location. Our beeper is not working at the moment. You can leave a message at the Pride Center 253-3233.

LexDGA is a peer support group for anyone that transcends gender norms. This includes transsexuals, intersexuals, cross dressers, drag kings, drag queens, gender queers, and people who are unsure what their gender identity might be. This is not a therapy group. If you could use some honest conversation and support, give us a call.



## Stir It Up!

A fundraiser for GLSO

Join us at The Bar Complex on Wednesday, October 18 for a show featuring a mix of current and past entertainers. LaToya Bacall, Natalie Gay, Tuesday DeLarouge, Sierra Reign, and Jennifer Grant will be a few of the divas on stage. See additional information in the October newsletter. Proceeds will help support the Pride Center.

## Quirk Cafe and Coffee

Quirk Café & Coffee is located on Railroad St. in Midway, KY. It is an easy 15 minute drive from Lexington. We feature live music every Friday from 5:30 to 8 pm. We are now open on Thurs, Fri. and Sat. evening, serving our full menu. We offer a variety of salads, soups, sandwiches and wraps. For upcoming events you can call Quirk at (859) 846-4688 or check on line at [www.kygallery.com/quirk/](http://www.kygallery.com/quirk/).

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Jessica Bollinger continues to offer great Imago workshops. Unlike other relationship therapy approaches, these workshops offer ways for couples to reconnect in a positive way immediately. In addition to offering workshops, Jess also works with couples and individuals. Give her a call today.

### Gay Pride Union of Kentucky

The Gay Pride Union is a peer support group for the GLBT Community in Somerset, KY. For more info email: [Alexstalcup@yahoo.com](mailto:Alexstalcup@yahoo.com)

### Bluegrass Fairness Program

Be on the lookout for announcements and information about an educational forum being offered by the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance. It will be held on October 7th and will feature Evan Wolfson, the executive director of Freedom to Marry. More information on Mr. Wolfson and Freedom to Marry can be found at <http://www.freedomtomarry.org/>.

### Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons meet the second Monday of each month at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends that come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity in order to form a bond within a community that enjoys the Leather /Levi lifestyle. For more info visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.





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# Pride Center News

389 Waller Ave.

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Mon. - Fri. 10 - 3 Sat 10 - 2

## Pride Center Activities

### Lexington Insight

*Pot Luck and Discussion Group*

Every Friday night - open to all

Pride Center 7:00 pm

### DISCUSSION GROUP

EVERY WED. 7 PM OPEN TO ALL

JANE: LADYJANEKY@YAHOO.COM

### Diversity Directory

The Humanitarium Diversity Directory is available at the Pride Center. This directory lists many organizations in Lexington that work towards a community where diversity is celebrated.

The Pride Center will be kept open by volunteers on Wed. and Thurs.

### Opportunities to Volunteer

Keep the center open one evening a week. You can set the hours.

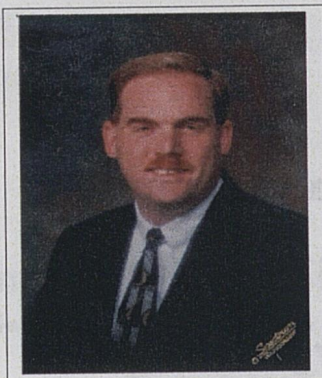
Thursday and most Saturday nights are unscheduled at the Pride Center.

Want to head up a group or other event? A movie night might be popular. You agree to be here and we can help with advertising and with movies. Can focus on Gay or Lesbian Films or both.

A GLBT book discussion group would be great. A game night has been popular in the past. Give us your ideas!

The 40 + Women group is looking for a new organizer. Please contact Ginger

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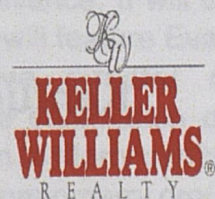
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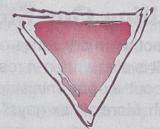
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# GLSO Newsletter Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2006

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233  
 Visit us on the web at: [www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet](http://www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-3p
9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	Center Open 10a-7p	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-3p
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### Weekly Activities:

**Mondays:**  
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA Discussion/Speaker(Call for Location) 278-7103

**Tuesdays:**  
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance for Youth)

**Wednesdays:**  
7pm - Discussion Group  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

**Fridays:**  
7pm - Lexington Insight  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

### Saturdays:

**Sundays:**  
9:00am & 11 am - UU Church Worship Services.  
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal  
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.

### Bi-weekly:

6pm - The Imperial Court  
SoulForce - Jamie 230-5625

### Monthly Activities:

#### Mondays:

7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (4th Mon.) **New Date**  
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

#### Saturday:

7pm - LexDGA 1st Sat.

#### Sundays:

4pm - Integrity (2nd Sun)  
4pm - Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.

Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC

Call for Place may be abbreviated - Call



## Telling Our Stories

This is another in our series of coming out stories. It is also written in response to the article about ex-gay ministries published last month. More on "ex-gays" next month.

### Coming Out

With "help" from an Ex-Gay Ministry

I was provided approximately six months of counseling in an ex-gay ministry in the Detroit-metro area just over 18 years ago. This ministry was started by a gentleman who I believe was named Jim Hickey. Apparently, Mr. Hickey had advertised his ministry located just outside Detroit, far and wide in various Christian publications across the United States. A friend and former professor, an "Appalachian evangelical preacher woman" in Southwest Virginia, purchased one of those publications

She was aware of my then 6 year struggle with my lesbian identity. This 50 year old woman eventually revealed her own affection and attraction for me an

affection and attraction she called "totally unexpected and the first she had ever had for a woman." She encouraged me to contact Mr. Hickey upon my relocation to the Detroit area where I was moving in a horribly misguided attempt to "go straight" and to reunite with my husband from whom I was separated at the time.

I made this relocation in the sub-zero temperatures that are typical of the upper Midwest in January of any year. I hauled my Bible belt-induced neuroses about my homosexual self along with me and decided almost immediately after arrival to contact Mr. Hickey for help. I wouldn't know until six months later that my husband, Rocky, had been suspicious about my "orientation" for several years, but I assumed that he believed me when I made arrangements with Mr. Hickey for what I euphemistically called "marriage counseling" with one of his "former lesbian" therapists.

I made a decently diligent effort to transform myself back into my own "Godly" heterosexual self first in individual counseling and, apparently, with ex-gay  
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therapy "graduates" who had gone on to marry the opposite sex.

Mr. Hickey had made the mistake of locating his ministry just south of the red light district on the south side Detroit. I attended weekly meetings in the evenings with Mr. Hickey and his converts. Then after the meetings I would search for a local gay bar, the flames of my unquenched desire fueled by the real life presence of triple-X movie houses, live sex shows, and the presence of the dozens of prostitutes who lined or cruised the same strip.

For a short time, I had the guilty "pleasure" of living a dual lifestyle, heterosexual housewife and mother by day, and struggling, closeted-to-my-counselor-and-husband lesbian by night. This "virgin dyke" cruised Jefferson Avenue each week for 3 months before I finally broke.

In the pages of that same Christian magazine in which I had found the reference to Mr. Hickey's ex-gay ministry, I also recalled reading an article written to highlight and criticize the existence of the Metropolitan Community Church. Having lived for 25 years in rural Virginia I had never heard of the MCC. Five months into ex-gay therapy, I was on the telephone calling directory assistance knowing I would find an MCC somewhere in Detroit. Within the week I was sitting in the office of the minister of the Detroit congregation. I relayed the long and less-than-sordid details of my own "coming out," especially my most recent schizophrenic attempt to again close the closet door with the intention of throwing away the key.

I was lucky that the young minister had a similar history and provided counsel for people subjected to ex-gay ministries. By the time we had finished talking I had decided to end my depression and denial over who I was, to tell my husband the truth, and to return to college in Detroit. I also made it a point to depart with a schedule of MCC meeting times and

activities. I was tired of being alone in the midst of millions.

I moved into downtown Detroit, took a temporary job in the city's consumer affairs office, and started to attend Wayne State University. I did not as much as telephone Mr. Hickey or anyone at his office to explain my choice. I was too busy being both terrified and exhilarated.

I attended services at the Detroit MCC and within a few months I managed to overcome my fear of other women like me. I was welcomed by the MCC members and made "out" gay and lesbian friends. I moved into a house with other lesbians and had my first incredible taste of "woman sex." I was no longer conforming to other people's demands on me. Mr. Hickey and his converts were soon forgotten.

That is, until I read the article in the GLSO News last month. Seeing that these ministries still exist was something of a shock for me. I had assumed that such obviously inhumane "therapies" would have been dismissed by reasonable people long ago. I felt like I was caught in a time warp.

I am horribly saddened to know that not only do such ministries exist but that they are deliberately targeting our GLBT youth. What I recall most vividly in my experience with Mr. Hickey's ministry was a pervasive feeling of fear: fear of knowing, loving and being my whole lesbian self, fear of others knowing and rejecting me, and, perhaps most significantly, fear of an ill-defined God who I believed would judge me harshly.

Eighteen years ago these ministries ran on platforms of fear, shame and guilt with a hefty dose of isolation and ostracism. They apparently still do. In my mid-twenties I was too young to know that I was and am the spirit and fulfillment of my own law. My wish for young people today is that they learn to measure themselves full, whole and complete and to have a concept of God that nourishes them.



## Spiritual Questions

### Unitarian Univesalist Answers

by mary crone

Last month Rev. Waibel answered some questions concerning his understanding of Catholic religious beliefs. I wanted to answer some similar questions concerning Unitarian Universalist beliefs but there is a significant difference.

I can write about what I believe, or even what "some" UUs believe, but since we are a non credal religion, we do not all believe the same thing. I am sure there is some diversity of beliefs within most religious congregations, but at our church we expect and celebrate diversity of religious thought. We do have seven principals that form a basis for our community which I will write about at some other time.

#### Are Unitarians Christians?

Some of us consider ourselves Christians but many of us do not. Unitarian Universalism does have Judao-Christian roots and the Bible is one of the sacred texts we study. We are also Buddhists, Humanists, Pagans, and more.

#### Do UUs believe in evolution? And how does God fit into the picture?

Unitarian Universalist congregations are made up of people who generally accept the scientific method as a way to discover how the universe "works." Science is a method more than it is a

system of belief. Although some textbooks present science as dogmatic facts, science is fundamentally open to new ideas and challenges. Nothing is beyond question because new ways of testing and exploring the universe keep being devised.

There are areas or questions in our lives for which the scientific method is not applicable, such as what our lives mean, what we should value, or what came before or caused the Big Bang (sometimes now referred to as the "Creative Emergence.")

One of the most interesting areas for theological discussion for me is the perceived conflict between science and religion as ways of making sense of reality. I know they conflict in some people's minds, but personally, I see science and religion as complimentary. For me, the epic of evolution is a sacred narrative, a creation story of great wonder and beauty. One approach to religious belief that includes both scientific and religious concepts is Process Theology.

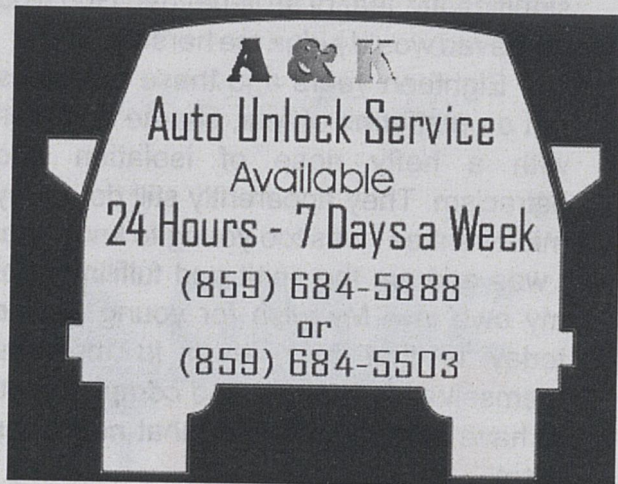
#### What is process theology?

There is one brief phrase I like that attempts to capture this belief system: "God is a Verb." That concept is not new, Jewish mystical tradition includes this idea of God as a "becoming" reality rather than a static being.

Process Theology is in part a response to scientific discoveries of the 20th Century. Sir Isaac Newton lived in the second half of the eighteenth century. His beliefs about how the Universe worked were revolutionary and became the foundation for scientific thought for over 100 years. From Newton's work, thinking about the Universe as a clock or other well tuned mechanical device was accepted as a good metaphor for the universe. God was sometimes seen as the clock maker.

Since that time, scientists have come to realize that the universe is stranger than they imagined. The new physics sees the

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universe as composed of happenings and relationships; the universe is process. There are no static "things;" to be real is to be in process. We are not human "beings" but human "becomings;" we are always changing, biologically, and spiritually.

We tend to think of the Universe as a place, but it is not. Your relationship with your partner or your friends is not a place. It is an every changing interaction. So it is with the universe and every level of reality within the universe. So it is with us.

We exist in close relationship to the other humans, the animals and the physical world around us. We are part of the Interconnected Web of Life. Four thousand years ago Hindu's named this "Indra's Net." Chief Joseph of the Nez Pierce is famous for saying: "What we do to the web, we do to ourselves." These concepts are part of many indigenous belief systems. Perhaps science is catching up to religion.

Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity influenced the development of Process Theology. My favorite quotation from Einstein: "A human being is a part of the whole, called by us 'universe.' We experience ourselves as something separate from the rest, an optical delusion of consciousness..."

We are not separate from our world or from the Universe. A simple example, the oxygen we breath and the food we eat comes from mother earth. If we continue to pollute and warm our planet, humans will become extinct. But it is more than that. Even our skin is not the boundary we think it is. Everything is made up of atoms. Atomic particles move in and out of our bodies. We are exchanging atomic particles with the chairs we sit on, with the pencils we hold and with each other. We are always in relationship with our environment

In Process Theology, God is also a conceived of as a process. In fact, evolution is seen as part of who God is. God can be considered that Reality which transcends and includes all other realities.

The Ineffable Eternal Divine is immanent - within the ongoing process that is universe - and transcendent greater than the sum of its parts.

And humans are not insignificant. We are that part of the Universe that is self aware, that experiences awe as we contemplate the universe, and that is able to contemplate and love God.

### **Do these beliefs have anything to do with GLBT people?**

To me they do. Our tendency to divide reality up into neat little boxes does not reflect the real nature of our world. For example, there are organisms that seem to be both plant and animal. The binary concept of gender (male, female) is an over simplification. There are children born in between gender every day. There seems to be a continuum of gender and of sexual orientations, or perhaps even a confusing plethora of possibilities -no neat boxes.

Process theology leads us to believe in diversity as both the natural way of evolution and as necessary to the continuation of life on earth. GLBT people are a part of this diversity, as sacred as any other part. Celebrate Life.

### Ohio Lesbian Festival September 16

There is a Lesbian Music Festival within a three hours drive of Lexington. Located east of Columbus, Ohio at Frontier Ranch, it is a one day event running from 11 am to 11 pm. Buy your tickets in advance for lower prices. Geenral Admission is \$35, students and adults over 55 is \$30.

You can order tickets on line at [www.ohiolba.org](http://www.ohiolba.org) or send money to LBA PO Box 82086, Columbus, OH 43202-0086. You can also check this web site for additional entertainers and directions.

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# Religious and Spiritual Resources

## Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship of Lexington welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ. We are located at 713 E. Loudon Ave. where we hold Sunday School at 9:30 am, Sunday Worship at 11 am and Fresh Encounter Fridays at 7 pm. In September we are beginning Midweek Bible study on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

We will have a retreat over the weekend of September 15/ 16 at Grace Retreat Center in Liberty. Call Pastor Sandy or Pastor Cori for information or with any question about our Christian fellowship. Pastor Cori Wood at [jfellowship@aol.com](mailto:jfellowship@aol.com) or 859 514-5518 We have a big vision and a big God and our services and full of The Spirit.. There is room for you.

## Quakers

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. There is adult discussion between 9 and 10:15 and singing for 15 minutes before the service. Child care is available during the discussion period and religious education for children is held during the service.

We meet at 649 Price Ave, between 6th and 7th, parallel to and one block west of N. Broadway. Quakers have no clergy or sermons and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves.

Our services are unprogramed meetings which means we sit together in silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or none. We do not have a creed.

We are deeply involved in working for peace and justice within our city, state, and country. We believe in equality and work to improve the lives of all people.



## Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington is a welcoming Congregation. We do not simply accept GLBT folks within our church community, we celebrate their lives. Join us for worship or for our Wednesday night classes and discussion groups.

We will continue with our summer schedule for the first three Sundays in Sept, Worship Service at 10 am. The first two Sundays will focus on Process Theology (see page 13.) On September 24 we will return to having two services at 9 and 11 am. and religious education for children will begin.

There is a Buddhist discussion group that meets before church at 9 am that will be meeting at 10 am starting on the 24th.

On Wednesday, September 20 we will be starting adult religious education classes. Rev. Gary Bennet will be teaching a Comparative Religions class that will continue for 4 sessions or more. He is using material from Houston Smith who was one of the first Americans to study and teach comparative religions on the college level.

## Integrity

### St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Integrity is a support group for GLBT people and friends that meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on the second Sunday of the month at 4 pm (Sept. 10). We have lively discussions about everything from current events to spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On the third Sunday (Sept. 17), our new group Gen Y Integrity meets at 4 pm. This group is for young adults ages 18 through 30. Please join us at St Michael's, 2025 Bellefonte Dr.. For more info call 859 243-0998 or email [stmintegrity@yahoo.com](mailto:stmintegrity@yahoo.com).



# **ST. MYCHAL THE MARTYR PARISH**

Sunday Worship 10:30

Saturday Evening Prayer 5 pm



1350 Eastland Dr. #5  
(859) 389-9418

[www.stmychalthemartyr.org](http://www.stmychalthemartyr.org)

## St. Mychal The Martyr

The mission of St. Mychal the Martyr Parish is to provide a church that welcomes all people in all their uniqueness and giftedness. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy and hope.

You are invited to our worship services every Sunday at 10:30 with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We also hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive. We perform blessings of gay unions, welcome divorced people, and ordain women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church. For information visit : [stmychalthemartyr.org](http://stmychalthemartyr.org).

St. Mychal's has space available for meetings and receptions. Call 859 389-9418 or email [kypadre@aol.com](mailto:kypadre@aol.com) for more information.

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# The GLSO Directory

## GLSO Board:

GLSO Pride Center (Bill).....253-3233  
 GLSO Board (Thomas).....225-3035  
 Discussion Group (Bill) .....253-3233  
 GLSO News (Mary).....266-5904  
 Subscriptions (Bill).....253-3233  
 Speakers Bureau (Mary).....266-5904  
 Youth, Gay Straight Alliance (Mary).....266-5904  
 GLSO on-line.....lexingtonglso@yahoo.com  
 or .....www.webspawner.com/users/glsoqxn  
 Pride Gallery (Thomas).....225-3035

## Student Groups:

EKU Pride Alliance.....alliance@yahoo.com  
 UK Lavender Society.....uklavender@yahoo.com  
 Moorehead State Univ. (Ned).....606 783-2294  
 UK Lambda (Sara & Dave) info@uklambda.com  
 Berea College ACE League (Ryan) 859 985-3633  
 Centre College (BGLAD-Mykol).....238-5332

## Anonymous HIV Testing:

Jessamine County.....885-4149  
 Lexington, Fayette County.....288-2437  
 Madison County.....859 723-7312  
 Woodford County.....873-4541  
 U.K. Adolescent Medicine.....323-5643

## HIV/AIDS Info/Services:

AVOL, AIDS Volunteers Inc. ....225-3000  
 Lexington Health Dept. (Julie).....288-2362  
 HIV/AIDS Legal Project.....502 584-1254  
 HIV Support (Somerset).....679-7478 or 678-5814  
 Cumberland Region (SEKY-Pat).....606 864-3776  
 or 888 425-7282  
 Barren River Region.....800 559-4448  
 Louisville Region (Geri).....502 574-0161  
 Northern Kentucky Region.....859 341-4264  
 Purchase Region.....800 522-8289  
 Moveable Feast Lex. Inc. (Terry).....252-2867

## Community Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous (Tom).....373-0494  
 Office.....276-2917  
 Al-Anon (office).....277-1877  
 Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S. (Morris).....225-9169  
 Bluegrass Fairness.....859 806-4114  
 Council for Peace & Justice (Richard) 277-6101  
 Fairness of Louisville.....502 893-0788  
 First Link (formerly-Ask Us).....313-5465  
 International Gay Bowling (Steve).....276-3058  
 I.C.K. (The Imperial Court of KY).....859 269-7756  
 imperialcourtkentucky@yahoo.com  
 Kentucky Leather Productions (Larry).....253-0185

Lex. Lyons Leather/Levi Club (Paul).....619-3650  
 Lex. Diversity In Gender All. ....288-5143  
 Lex. Human Rights Commission.....252-4931  
 Lex. Men's Chorus (Kenneth).....255-1974  
 Louisville Youth Group.....502 894-9787  
 MACT Men of All Colors Together (Jon)....351-4453  
 mactky@aol.com  
 Moonshine Bears of Kentucky (Jim)...859 299-2047  
 www.moonshinebears.com  
 Narcotics Anonymous.....278-7103  
 People for Unity & Fairness.....803-1130  
 CUFCKT@aol.com  
 Pride Alliance of Central KY. (Gary) ..859 236-4547  
 (Shane) 859 854-0596

pridealliance@yahoo.com  
 PFLAG (Ed).....(859) 200-9512  
 Pegasus Travel.....253-1644  
 Rainbow Families of Lex. (Cheryl).....533-6309  
 Sienna (Gender Identity Issues).....502 346-5298  
 SisterSound (Patti).....806-0243  
 Sistas in the Life (Joan).....252-2657  
 24 hr. Crisis Line.....1 800 928-8000  
 24 hr. Teen Crisis Line.....1 800 999 9999

## Religious Groups:

Interweave (Unitarian-Mary).....266-5904  
 Integrity (Episcopal-Rev. Stone).....277-7511  
 Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers).....254-3319  
 Jubilee Fellowship (Rev. Cori).....859-514-5518  
 MCC Elizabethtown (Rev. Cathy).....888 340-6223  
 MCC Louisville (Rev. Dee Dale).....502 587-6225  
 MCC Paducah (Rev. lillian).....270.443-3339  
 Norse Pagan Community (Rev. Pat).....268-1640  
 KY Pagan Forum ..... http://go.to/kypaganforum/  
 Soulforce (Jamie).....859 230-5625  
 .....www.soulforcekentucky.org  
 St. Augustines Chapel (Episcopal).....254-3726  
 St. Mychal ( Indep. Catholic) (Rev. Ken) ..389-9418  
 Open Door (Christian-Rev. Pam).....396-7636  
 Wiccan/Pagan Group (Iggie).....492-9904

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