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Wishing Chair CD

Wishing Chair will release their fourth CD, Crow with two benefit performances on Saturday and Sunday evening, March 2nd and 3rd at the Carnegie Center in downtown Lexington. The Concert starts at 7:30 pm both nights.

The new CD continues the new fold and roots/pop sounds of Wishing Chair's earlier works, while staying true to the duo's live show. Built around the foundation established by songwriter Kiya Heartwood and the multi-instrumentalist Miriam Davidson, the eleven original songs are enhanced by gifted guest artists including traditional instrumentalists Kara Barnard and Gray Larsen, as well as appearances by Lexington's Mother Jane, Karen Jones of Real World, singer-songwriter Jamie Anderson, Former Stealin' Horses drummer Kopana Terry and The Outrider's Dave Arms on bass.

The two concerts are benefits to raise money for the Carnegie Center for education, school programs and community work. Tickets are \$10 and go on sale Feb. 1st. They are available at The Carnegie Center, 859-254-4175, and through Terrakin Records, 859-608-5393, www.terrakin.com. Seating is limited. Advance ticket purchase is suggested.

AVOL Mardi Gras Ball

Join AVOL for an evening of New Orleans style revelry to celebrate Mardi Gras 2002! On February 2, at 7 pm this fund raiser will get under way at the Victorian Square Atrium, located on the corner of Main and Broadway in Lexington.

There will be live music by Zydeco Bon. Channel 27's Brian Collins and his wife

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Holiday Party

After the great success of our party in December, GLSO is sponsoring a Mixer on Saturday, Feb 16th from 7 to 10 pm. We particularly encourage singles to attend; there will be lots of people to meet. Of course, couples or groups are also welcome. People often find friends at the Pride Center they haven't seen in ages! There will also be music, lots of food and good conversation. Come join us for a fun evening.



Pride Month

We had a great turn out for the first Pride Month planning committee. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 21 at 7 at the Pride Center. At that meeting we will be choosing the theme for the month. There are two major events on the schedule at this time and more in the planning stages. The Men's Chorus will be in concert on Saturday, June 8th and the Pride Picnic will be on Sunday, June 16th. ActOut will probably present a play during the last two weekends of the month and a dance, some movies, and religious services are being discussed. Terry Mullins will be keeping the official Pride Calander so If you want to check open dates, call Terry during the day at 252-2867.



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One World Film Festival 2002

by mary crone

On Tuesday, February 12 the One World Film Festival opens at the Kentucky Theater with *Peace of Mind: Coexistence Through the eyes of Palestinian and Israeli Teens*. After attending a Seeds of Peace Camp in Maine, seven Palestinian and Israeli teenagers were given video cameras to document two years of their lives in Israel, The West Bank and the Palestinian Authority. Using the cameras as video diaries, the youth turned the lens on themselves, their families, friends and communities, revealing the challenges they face as peace seekers in a fiercely divided conflict. Hendrica Van Woerkom, Director of Education for Seeds of Peace, and Bushra Jawabri, a Palestinian and one of the video film makers, will be present for the Lexington screening and will speak about their experiences. There is no charge for any of the One World Films.

The second and third films in the series may be of particular interest to the LBGT community. On Sunday, February 17, at 2 pm at the Central Library Theater, we will show *What's Cooking* directed by Gurminder Chadha. This fun feature film presents a multi-family multicultural view of Thanksgiving. We are introduced to a Jewish family with a lesbian daughter and her lover, a Hispanic family with a philandering husband and newly liberated wife, a cross-generational Vietnamese family struggling with traditional expectations for their americanized children, and an African American family where tensions arise between a successful father and his son who thinks he has sold out. In these four different households, turkey is served with individual flair, accompanied by roasted polenta, fajitas, spring rolls or homemade macaroni and cheese. Kyra Sedgwick and Julianna Margulies do a great job as the lesbian couple; the film also stars Mercedes Ruehl, Alfre Woodard, and Joan Chen.

The third film, *Living the Story, The Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky* will be shown Feb 28. See page 8.

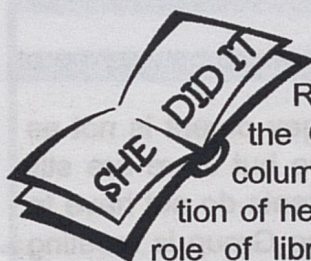
There will be three more films in March including *Three Seasons*, The first American feature to be produced in Vietnam since the war. Directed by Tony Bui, this film won all the major awards at the Sundance Film Festival a few years ago. It will be shown at the Central Library Theater on March 2nd at 2 pm. See the March GLSO for other screenings.

Community News

Mother Jane

The Lexington-based, Female Duo, Mother Jane, will be celebrating the release of their second CD, February 16th, at the Limestone Club. The Limestone Club is located at 213 N. Limestone, just a few doors up from Columbia's Steak House, just before the Atomic Cafe.

The doors will open at 8:00 pm, and the first 50 people there get a free Limited edition Mother Jane T-Shirt. At the first CD Release the T-Shirts went very fast. This is an all ages show, but if you plan to BYOB, an ID with proof of 21 years of age will be required at the door. The CD will be for sale.



Congratulations to Reinette Jones, one of the GLSO News' regular columnists, on the publication of her book looking at the role of librarians among black Kentuckians. Library Service to African Americans in Kentucky, from the Reconstruction Era to the 1960's is Reinette's first book. Judging by how everyone enjoys her writing in this newsletter, perhaps she will have a best seller on her hands. It is 200 pages long and we plan to get one for our Pride Center Library. Good work, Reinette!

PFLAG-Parents, Friends, and Family of Lesbians and Gays, will be meeting regularly on the second Tuesday of each month. In February, we will meet on Tues. Feb. 12th, at 7 pm at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. The speaker will be Rev. Jack Robinson of Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. He will be sharing his personal story of the importance of having a support group such as PFLAG. The church is on the corner of Tates Creek and Armstrong Mill Rd. Contact Dotti Berry for information at 859-489-4791 or e-mail Dotti Berry at

Dotti@EmpoweringDiversity.com.

Mel White

The Coalition for Faith and Diversity announces that Mel White, author of *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay & Christian in America* and Executive Director of Soulforce (www.soulforce.org), will be in Lexington making presentations and meeting with local Ministers and speaking in Lexington April 5-7.

On Saturday evening from 7-9 pm, Mel will speak at Memorial Hall on the University of Kentucky campus on "Spirituality versus Sexuality? Healing the Wounds of Spiritual Violence" A VIP reception for sponsors and others will be on April 5 at 7 pm. On Saturday, from 1-3:30 pm, there will be an opportunity for area ministers to meet and dialogue with Rev. White. He will be addressing the issue of "Spiritual Violence" and its impact on gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders within our religious institutions. The location of that event will be announced in the near future.

The Coalition for Faith and Diversity is comprised of Soulforce Lexington, Bluegrass Fairness, the Jabez Foundation and other community groups. If you are interested in having your organization be a part of this coalition, please contact Dotti Berry at her e-mail: dotti@EmpoweringDiversity.com or call her at 859-489-4791. Also, those who are interested in volunteering to help with this event may call.

Solomon House Benefit

Tiffany & Company invites everyone to Crossings for their monthly benefit show on Wednesday, February 20, 2002.

Show begins at 10:00 pm and the cover will be \$5.00 with all proceeds going to Solomon House. Entertainers for the night are: Tiffany Andrews, Miss Sheena, Mescha, Rayna Starr and Valley

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Family Movies

We have chosen some films featuring the African American experience in honor of Black History Month.

Lesbian Movie Night-We will watch *Watermelon Woman* on Friday, Feb. 11th at 7 pm. Cheryl, a young black filmmaker is working on a documentary about a black actress from the 1930's. As she discovers that the actress had a white lesbian lover, Cheryl also meets the girl of her dreams. Everyone is welcome to attend, bring a snack to share.

Girls Kick Ass-This series of film features strong female heroines. Join us on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at 1 pm for *Set It Off*. Four Black women, all of whom are struggling financially, decided to rob banks to get much needed cash and as a way to fight the system that has left them with few choices. Queen Latifah plays a lesbian character, somewhat of a stereotype, come see what you think.

Men's Night Out-On February 19th, Men's Night Out will be showing *Maurice*. Two English school friends find themselves falling in love at Cambridge. To regain his place in society, Clive gives up his forbidden love, Maurice, and marries. When visiting his friend, Maurice discovers romance in the arms of Alec, the gamekeeper. Written from personal pain, this is novelist E.M. Forster's story of coming to terms with sexuality in the Edwardian age.

Classic Movie Matinee

On February 17th at the Pride Center at 3 pm, the classic Movie Matinee will be "*West Side Story*." It is a testament to the musical and theatrical brilliance of "*West Side Story*" that this teenage urban love story, set to Shakespeare's classic "*Romeo and Juliet*," has survived its outmoded 50's-style book (Arthur Laurents) replete with "Dead End Kinds" posturing and corny, streetwise lingo. For nowhere will you experience such electrifying, jaw-dropping

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New Bathroom!

The Pride Center now has completed work on the handicap accessible bathroom. It is now one large room, so even those of us who are temporarily able bodied will have room to do more than change our minds in there. JMH Home Repairs did a great job for us. Joe can be reached at 881-5754

Pride Center Copying Service

We have rented a copier for the Pride Center and we can offer community groups a good price if you want to do copying at the Center. You will be given an ID number and charged \$.03 a page, you bring your own paper. Call Ginger for details at 253-3233.

Parenting Group

Being a lesbian or gay parent is not as unusual as it use to be but there are still issues that straight parents do not have to face. A GLBT Parenting Group is meeting at the Pride Center on the second Sunday of every month. The next get together will be Sunday, Feb. 10th at 4 pm. Come share your thoughts. Child care will be available. If you have any questions, please call Ginger at 253-3233 or Janette at (859) 583-0324.

Writing Practice for Everyone

There has been a positive response to the writing practice group so we are adding another day! The group will now meet on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, at 10 am at the Pride Center. That will be Feb. 9th and 23rd. No experience necessary, regular attendance not required, just bring a pen and some paper and we will have some fun.



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Pride Center Library Something for Eeveryone

by Jane Minder

The library of GLBT materials that was established at the Pride Center last summer has been a great success. Not only has the community generously donated nearly 1,000 books, videos, and audio recordings, but over 100 people have signed up for library cards and are regularly using the collection.

The book collection includes fiction in every genre from love stories to science fiction. Among the authors well represented are Armistead Maupin, Katherine Forrest, Rita Mae Brown, Paul Monette and many others. Biographies run the gamut from Walt Whitman to Melissa Etheridge. A strong non-fiction collection includes books on relationships, coming-out, religion, family, youth, humor, history, politics, health and much more.

The video collection has been particularly popular and is growing. Favorite titles include *Bar Girls*, *Kiss Me Guido*, *The Lost Language of Cranes*, *Fire*, *Boys Life 3*, and *Get Real*. A small group of documentaries includes *The Celluloid Closet*, *The Times of Harvey Milk*, and *The Inaugural Display of the Names Project Quilt*.

The audio recordings now include tapes and CDs by such artists as Melissa Etheridge, Elton John, Cris Williamson and Tret Fure, Ferron, and Indigo Girls. Audio books are a new addition to the collection and now include Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City* series.

The Pride Center Library continues to accept donations of GLBT related materials and all donations are tax deductible. Volunteers to help process new acquisitions are always welcome.

Stop by the Pride Center at 389 Waller Avenue Monday - Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm and check it out. You will find there really is, "**something for everyone.**"

FAIRNESS

On January 8th the Kentucky General Assembly went into session. For sixty working days the Representatives and Senators of our state will work on a variety of issues. This is our best opportunity to come together as a state and lobby our elected officials of fairness. There are several ways you can get involved:

Join the Fairness listserv and respond to the action alerts; e-mail Jeff at jeff@QX.NET. Make the phone calls and faxes that influence the decisions of our Representatives and Senators. Recruit friends and family to join the list. Come to Frankfort and lobby your elected officials in person. This has been, and remains, our best way of working towards fairness and defeating anti-gay legislation. We lobby in Frankfort every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the entire session.

There are two bills to make note of as we go to press. Representatives Joe Fischer (R-Ft. Thomas) and Stan Lee (R-Lexington) have prefiled an anti-Fairness bill. **HB 392** is couched in terms of preempting the field of civil rights for the state. **(In other words, this bill would take away the powers of cities and counties to expand their civil right codes.)** Only state and federal laws would apply and the workings of local Human Rights Commissions would be seriously affected. This bill would also have the effect of abolishing the Fairness Ordinances in Lexington/Fayette County, Jefferson County, and Louisville. These ordinances prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in these two counties. If this bill is still under discussion in the legislature, call your Representatives and Senators and ask them to vote **NO on HB 392**. The Legislative message line is 1-800-372-7181 (Mon-Thurs 7 am-11 pm EST, Fri 7 am-6 pm).

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Pat Parker: A Woman Who Cared

By Thomas Collins

Pat Parker, born in 1944, was a U.S. poet, activist, educator, and women's health worker. Parker's autobiographical poem "Goat Child" opens with the lines: "you were a mistake/my mother told me." The poem goes on to convey the fierce determination that made her a successful activist and writer who built bridges in and between communities.

Parker grew up outside Houston, Texas, in a Southern Baptist family. After high school she left home for Oakland, California, where she attended college, married and divorced twice and had two daughters. She worked with the Black Panther Party in the 1960's and was a member of the Black Women's Revolutionary Council and the Lesbian Tide Collective in the 1970's. She shared her life with Marty Dunham.

An African-American lesbian mother from a working-class background, Parker once told her friend Judy Grahn: "I'm waiting for the revolution that will let me take all my parts with me." Her five books, which include "Child of Myself" (1972) and "Movement in Black" (1978), feature poems that range from oratories to narratives, all with

a strong sense of black culture and history. She chose difficult, even daring themes, including alcoholism, and both recorded and performed her work for audiences across the country. Her signature poem, "Where Will You Be When They Come?," warned gay men and lesbians to unite against the "soul savers" and the "good citizens" crusading against them. Audre Lorde characterized Parker's message as: "I have survived! I see, and I Speak!" Parker chose the African symbols for defiance (Aya and changing one's self (Nkyimkyim) to accompany her collected poems.

Parker was also an activist for improved women's health care and, after her sister was murdered by her husband, against domestic violence.

After her death from breast cancer, in 1989, at the age of 45, friends and admirers established the WIM Publication Memorial Poetry award in her name.

You can read more about Pat Parker and other historical people and events in gay history by obtaining a library card from The Pride Center and Checking out our selection of books, both fiction and non-fiction.



Living The Story

On Thursday, February 28th at 7 pm at the Central Library Theater, One World Film Festival is proud to present Living the Story: The Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky (2002) co-produced and directed by Joan Brannon, founder of Sisters in the Life and former GLSO Board Member. The first documentary to explore Kentucky's civil rights history, Living the Story presents the personal experiences of 15 men and women who recall life in a segregated society and the struggle to bring about social justice. Their vivid memories accompanied by archival footage tell an inspiring story of commitment, courage, and accomplishment. The efforts of these men and women

changed Kentucky and their achievements can encourage this generation to do the work that needs to be done today to end discrimination and promote justice. Joan Brannon, co-director, and some of the interviewees will join us for a discussion after the film, followed by a reception.

There will be three more films in March including Three Seasons, The first American feature to be produced in Vietnam since the war. Directed by Tony Bui, this film won all the major awards at the Sundance Film Festival a few years ago. It will be shown at the Central Library Theater on March 2nd at 2 pm. See the March GLSO for other screenings.

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Imago Couple Therapy

by Jessica C. Bollinger LCSW
Certified Imago Relationship Therapist

In December's issue of GLSO, I published an article titled "Who is NOT in Relationship?" In that article, I talked about some aspects of Imago Therapy. From infancy on throughout our lives, we seek safety and love. As Children, we adapted ourselves to how our caretakers provided us that safety and love to the best of their ability.

The adaptive behaviors that we unconsciously took on to protect ourselves we keep throughout our life. When our fears are triggered we hide and submit, or we send energy outward in "fight or flight". We become either minimizers (distancer's), or maximizers (pursuers). As adults, our current relationships give us the opportunity to heal these old wounds, and stop defensive patterns that are no longer useful.

Imago Theory was developed by Harville Hendrix, and can be read in *Getting the Love You want: a Guide for Couples*, and *Keeping the Love you Find: a Guide for Singles*. There is also a new book about parenting: *Giving the Love that Heals: a guide for parents*. Their theory combines elements from many different psychological theories: behavioral, cognitive, psychotherapy, and others.

We each have our own "blueprint" of what makes us feel loved and connected. Our partner might love football, and come home and say, "Sweetheart, I just got two tickets to the game this weekend, and would like to treat you and take you with me!" You want to react positively to the tickets but what might make you feel loved and secure is sitting in the porch swing talking about your day...This type of issue comes up in our relationships often.

Try this Re-Romanticizing Exercise based upon Imago Theory, that can help us live " more consciously." This exercise helps deepen the process of thinking about what "Makes me feel loved and secure". It

requires self reflection and honesty. Sharing these list can provide new information to both partners and open up communication.

Your list is your personal blueprint. This is part of your DIFFERENTIATION from other people. This is me. That is you. I value your blueprint, you know mine. We can respect each other for what makes the OTHER feel loved and secure (connected). This exercise is in three parts.

Part One: Making three lists, each can be as long as you want. It is useful to write down everything that you can think of.

1. I FELT loved and connected with you when you used to...(when you were dating)
2. I FEEL loved and connected with you when you...(In the present)
3. I WOULD feel loved and connected with you if you WOULD, (or we could)...This can be fantasy, Let loose here, the world is your oyster!...We quit our jobs and go live in Barbados, and get around on motor scooters, and rent beach umbrellas for a living...

Part Two: sharing your lists with your partner. You may find out that you are all ready doing things that makes your partner feel love and connection. You will also hear about other things that he or she wished that you would do.

You may give it to your partner to keep. If you think later of something you would like to add, ask them for it and make the addition, return it.

Part Three: putting some of the ideas into practice. Experiment while doing some of the things on your partners list for him/her. The point is not to keep score, this in not "tit for tat". Do something just because you know your partner values it.

Some neat things come from this exercise. You might have never realized how your partner enjoys how you bring her that cup of tea in the morning, or how he loves it when we get him that special lager. Now, when you make that tea, or put that lager in the fridge, you will have the knowledge about how it makes our partner feel. This enables us to live and do nurturing things for our partners with more intention. Try it, you'll like it!!

AVOL Mardi Gras Ball

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Cathleen will be Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

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Sheridan. Shake off those wintertime blues and join us for a night of fun while helping those in need. Crossings is located at 117 N. Limestone, across from the new Court House Buildings.

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Family Movies

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choreography (Jerome Robbins). Nowhere will you thrill to a more exhilarating, passionate, full-throttled score (Leonard Bernstein, with Stephen Sondheim providing the libretto). And nowhere will you find a more dynamic, better-crafted musical that arguably surpasses its Broadway stage predecessor from overture to finale.

Discussion Group

Every Wednesday people gather at the Pride center for good conversation and some laughs. If you are just coming out, new to the area, want to meet some new people, or just enjoy talking this is the place to be. Contact Jane for information at 276-0673. (This is ongoing but does not have to be run every month)

DEADLINES:

Articles and Ad Space: Feb. 15
Ads we know are coming: Feb 20
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John: ursaloco2@aol.com

Fairness

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HB 125, a Statewide Fairness Bill, bans discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations because of a person's sexual orientation or gender identity. Please call your House Representative and urge them to **SUPPORT HB 125**. For updates on the progress of these and other bills in Frankfort, join the Fairness list serv.

We appreciate Volunteers to help lobby every Tuesday, Thursday and Wednesday and we have established the following theme days:

- Feb. 12th, Social Workers
- Feb. 21st, Religious leaders and
People of Faith
- Feb. 28th, Student and Youth
- March 7th, Service Professionals
- March 14th, Educators
- March 21st, Allies

Ethnic Notions

On Saturday, February 10th at 1 pm, GLSO will host a screening of "Ethnic Notions: Black People in White Minds." This powerful documentary traces the development of dehumanizing caricatures of African Americans that have fueled racism, bigotry and ignorance in our country over the last 170 years. The award winning film, produced by gay film maker Marlon Riggs and narrated by Ester Rolle, uses images from cartoons, advertising, household artifacts, and even children's rhymes to show how stereotypes were created and changed over time. This documentary challenges us to consider how these stereotypes still permeate the American psyche. Come join us in viewing and discussing this hour long film.

SisterSound

We hope you enjoyed our Beat the Winter Blues concert in January. We enjoy singing together. We are looking for women who would like to sing with us. Rehearsals for our May concert start on Sunday, February 3rd from 6 to 8:15 at Landsdown Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd.

Miss Gay Valentine

On Wednesday, February 13, The Imperial Court presents their annual Miss Gay Valentine contest. Club 141 will open the doors at 8:30 and the pageant will begin at 9:30. They are asking for a \$5 donation at the door. Contestants will be judged in presentation, talent, evening gown, and questions. Applications are available from Larry at Club 141. See ad page 9



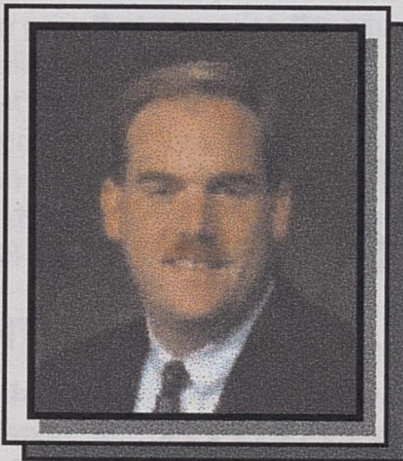
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Religious News

Dignity

Dignity Lexington is moving to the Pride Center starting in February on the first and third Sundays of the month at 7:00 pm. Our first Sunday meeting will be an open discussion on future program design. Guest speakers are a possibility. Holiday observances will be planned. All ideas are welcome. Movies of interest are also available.

Dignity is active in our community in a variety of ways. We participate with others in the AIDS ministry, Moveable Feast, sponsored by the Episcopal Church. On the third Sunday, we conduct a worship service, which is open to all. There is a shared discussion of the scripture readings followed by a Fellowship hour.

Dignity is not officially accepted by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, but its membership does reflect the views of much of the Catholic community that there should be ministry to and for the gay and lesbian communities. Local bishops do not play a supervisory role in this ministry and remain mostly out of touch with Dignity. We pray that someday the situation will normalize. Conservative critics should note that local bishops are unable to suppress Dignity even though nearly all have forbidden the use of church facilities to Dignity. Additional information is available at 859-268-1351.

INTERWEAVE

Interweave is the lesbigaytrans and friends support group at the Unitarian Universalist Church. We meet for pot luck lunch at about 12:15 on the second Sunday, which will be February 10th. In February we have invited Jeff Jones to eat with us and discuss the implications of the Lexington Fairness Ordinance to our lives. You do not have to be a church member to attend. Call Davina for more information-271-6174.

Charismatic Christians

Looking for a Christ-centered, charismatic church where people of all genders, sexual orientation and color are welcomed? Then you'll want to join us for worship and study every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. We are from a variety of backgrounds and creating an upbeat form of worship. For information and directions, please call Beverly or Corina at 264-7006 or e-mail cwbm121893@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you.



HUGS of the Bible

HUGS is an acronym which stands for Hearings, Understanding, and Growth through studying the Bible. We are a spiritually diverse group intent on welcoming all people of faith. HUGS will be meeting each Sunday at 7 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dr. Sherry Rotosky who is facilitating our group. Sharon can be reached at 859-257-7880 or e-mail rostosk@pop.uky.edu.

Our current study for HUGS is based on Rembert Truluck's website

Women's Spirituality Group

This group continues to meet at the Unitarian Church at 3564 Clays Mill Rd., on every other Friday night. We gather at 6:30 for a pot luck meal and at 7:15 for a program. On Feb. 1 we will be watching and discussing Full Circle, a Canadian Film on the International interest in Goddess Spirituality which includes a discussion by a diverse group of women (lesbian and str8, black, white and native american, etc.) who are some of the "leaders" of the movement. On February 15 we will be selecting a program from the UU Curriculum, Rise Up and Call Her Hame. Contact Mary Crone for information 266-5904, e-mail marycrone@aol.com.

MCC - CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE SOUL AT A TIME

Frank was thrown out of his fundamentalist family home when he was only 16 and lived on the streets for almost 7 years. When times got tough he was forced to survive by selling his body. MCC members in the church in his town helped him locate housing and a job. Today, he is clean and sober, attends MCC weekly and brings other street kids with him, and operates an MCC food pantry to help feed homeless people.

Jane's parents were unaccepting of their daughter's lesbian orientation-until they attended a MCC service together. "That was a breakthrough in my coming out," says Jane. "But the real turning point came at the end of the service when the three of us went forward and took communion. Mom, Dad and I all had tears as we took communion together, surrounded by gay and lesbian people of faith. It was powerful experience for my family."

Unfortunately, the stories of too many people from our community do not have such happy endings. As we know, the far-right has used religion and the Bible as weapons against the GLBT community for decades. The ultra-conservatives have attempted to appropriate God for their exclusive cause. Their preaching of lies and hate has made GLBT people feel unwelcome in most religious institutions, or second-class citizens at best. It has also prayed on our vulnerabilities-if we hear often enough that God doesn't love us because we are gay, do we start to believe it? Some do.

Throughout the 32-year history of MCC, thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual people have found hope. We have had the chance to explore a spiritual experience that affirms who we are. You might know of MCC as a place where some people in the GLBT

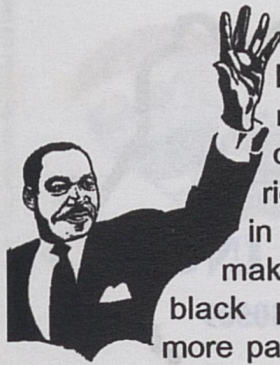
community go to worship. You may or may not have had an opportunity to attend one of our services yourself. But what you may not know is that:

MCC's social justice ministry reaches around the world. When terrorists attacked the United States on September 11th, 2001, MCC was among the first religious organizations to reach out. Within hours, our clergy had written a GLBT friendly resource kit on conducting healing services which was distributed to tens of thousands of churches around the world through the joint news service of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

MCC plays a leadership role in the struggle for GLBT rights. When the religious right dares to use religion as an excuse for their anti-gay message, we're not afraid to call them on it. When Jerry Falwell tried to blame the terrorist attacks of September 11th on the GLBT community, the Rev. Troy Perry, founder of MCC, distributed a news release to all of the major media, demanding Falwell retract his attack. Like so many time before, MCC was the voice of reason.

So what's happening at your local MCC this month? Faith MCC located at 145 Burt Road, in Zandale, holds Sunday morning worship services at 10:30 am. February 10th is MCC's annual Blessing of Relationships and an outing to UK's women's basketball game. MCC is also your local outlet to support AVOL with your \$15 donation for a Christmas ornament. For more MCC information, call (859) LEX-FMCC. The church's e-mail address is: LMCCREVMEL@AOL.com.

Now is the Time...



This quotation from Martin Luther King, Jr. is his response to the opinion that the civil rights movement was in too much of a hurry to make changes, that black people should be more patient. It is still applicable today to our work against racism, Homophobia and other forms of oppression. (Thanks to Rev. Cynthia Cain for bringing this to my attention.)

"It is the strangely irrational notion that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills. Actually time is neutral. It can be used either destructively or constructively. I am coming to feel that the people of ill-will have used time much more effectively than the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right. Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy, and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to life our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity. (MLK, Letter from a Birmingham Jail)"

Integrity Integrity continues to meet at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Bellefonte Dr. We welcome everyone to join us on the second Sunday of each month at 4 pm. Call Rev. David Boyd or Rev. Sandy Stone for info at 277-7511 or JBIntegrity@aol.com.

Newsletter News

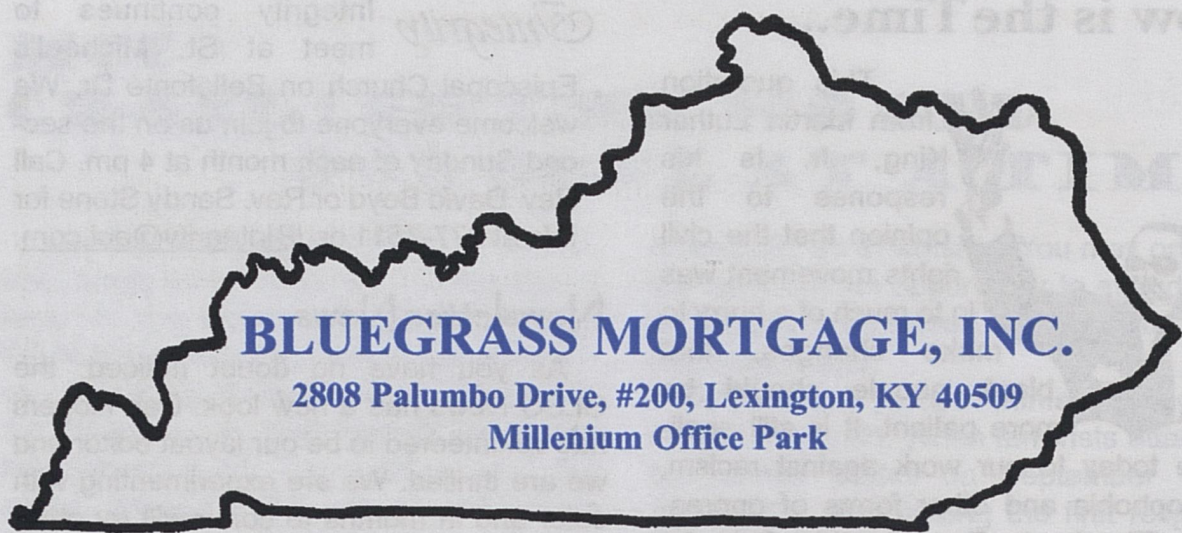
As you have no doubt noticed, the GLSO News has a new look. Dan Rogers has volunteered to be our layout editor and we are thrilled. We are experimenting with color and in months to come will try other changes.

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Self Esteem and What it Means

Low esteem? No esteem? Or just curious what self esteem means in your life? If so we have a group for you. Starting February 14th, Self Esteem and What it Means group will meet from seven until nine on Thursday nights at the Lexington Pride Center. This free group will explore the effects of self esteem, internalized homophobia, and how to obtain and maintain a healthy self esteem. If you are interested or have questions please call Marilee at 323-7118. Please join us on February 14th or the next Thursday if you have holiday plans. This group is presented by two UK counseling psychology students, Marilee Ford and Sherman Lee, as an outreach of the Counseling Psychology Services Clinic.



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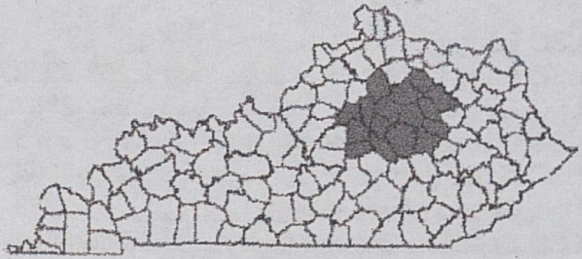
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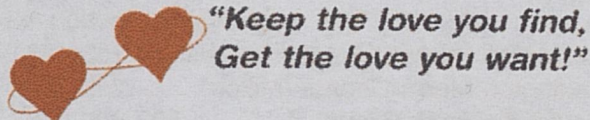
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