

# Advance

March 2024



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Via ZOOM at [uucblb.org/service](https://uucblb.org/service) —or— FB LIVE at [facebook.com/UUCLB](https://facebook.com/UUCLB)

**March 3, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

### **Stewardship Kickoff “Investing in Our Future”**

Join the Board of Trustees, Rev. Lissa and our new Director of Music Ministries Gavin Thrasher for an inspirational introduction to our Stewardship season, “Investing in Our Future.” After the service, stay for a light brunch when you will be invited to connect with other members and share your thoughts about our future. Children and youth start in the service, with a time for all ages, led by one of our UUCLB youth.

**March 10, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

### **Invested Faith** with Rev. Lissa, Gavin Thrasher, and the Wylder Spirits

We live in a world of urgency, when so much demands our attention, our energy, and our money. Investing requires us to think beyond the moment and ourselves. Today, we shift our attention towards the future of religious institutions like ours, considering how we might embrace new paradigms, centered in our values and embedded in service to our larger community. Children and youth participate in Faith in Action.

**March 17, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

### **Signs of Life** with Rev. Lissa, Gavin Thrasher and our UUCLB Choir

Our Soul Matters theme of Transformation invites us to consider the transformation required to move into a new season of our lives. Today we uplift the spring holiday celebrations of spring equinox and the Persian New Year, Nowruz, as the month of Ramadan begins. Children and youth celebrate St. Patrick’s Day in their RE sessions.

**March 24, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

### **Internal Justice** with the Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins and Gavin Thrasher

Are you holding yourself responsible for things you cannot control? Do you beat yourself up with guilt over decisions you have every right to make? Do you call yourself names for doing things you would quickly forgive if someone else had done them? If your answers are YES! perhaps you might benefit from more justice directed toward yourself. Let’s talk about internal injustice and what you might do about it. Children and youth continue their RE sessions.

The Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins is a consultant who works with people and organizations that are in transition — or ought to be. She is an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Santa Monica and often leads worship and preaches throughout Southern California. As a community minister, she works as an organization development consultant based in Los Angeles. She spends her discretionary time playing with color and textiles in her studio. [www.kikanzanurirobins.com](http://www.kikanzanurirobins.com)



**March 31, 2024** — 10:00am ONSITE and on Zoom and Facebook Live

### **Easter Sunday** with Rev. Lissa and Gavin Thrasher

The Easter story reminds us that hope for transformation is always possible. Join us for a joyful celebration of the Easter holiday, featuring our fabulous UUCLB choir. After the service, join the Religious Education Committee for an egg hunt with a special visit from the Easter bunny! Be sure to bring your baskets and wear your Easter Bonnets!!!! Children and Youth participate in Easter activities.

View past Sunday Services at [www.facebook.com/UUCLB](https://www.facebook.com/UUCLB)

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### **STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF**

**Sunday, March 3**  
Following Sunday Service

UUCLB Music & Arts Concert



**EMMA’S REVOLUTION**  
**Sunday, March 3,**  
**4:00pm in Wylder Hall**

### **ST. PATRICK’S DAY**

#### **ALL CHURCH PARTY**

**Sunday, March 17**

**1:00PM**

**In WYLDER HALL**

**Snacks! Jokes! Libations!**  
**Dancing! Sing-a-longs!**



2024

## Greetings Friends!

Recently, Rev Lissa and your Board of Trustees have been participating in listening sessions where we explore UUCLB's dreams and vision in our Religious Education and Music Ministry teams. Dreams included hosting consistent annual Our Whole Lives comprehensive sexual education and bringing a message of love and peace via music to communities outside our walls of 5450 Atherton Street. It was clear that we want to be known in Long Beach as a collective voice for love, justice, and service. We all agree the world can use more of that!

These aspirations become reality through our UUCLB Staff. Together with Rev. Lissa, staff in these ministries lead teams and committees to make these dreams happen. They work together, crafting our collective message and aligning our teams to bring community in the form of programs that span social justice, education, and music. We thank all who serve with their time & talent to these groups. It's hard work, it builds our collective community, and your group of lifelong friends expands. The time is now to have our UUCLB staff reflect the reality of our dreams.

The time is now. We ask that every member and friend make a commitment to contribute monthly to the budget of UUCLB. We also ask that you consider increasing your past pledge by 10% to help us meet our pledge goal of \$366,000. Our ACH bank withdrawal service provides a hassle-free way to make your pledge consistently. I have ACH withdrawals (2) times per month to match my incoming pay which allows me to tithe as a proportion of my income. Please consider doing the same.

Please join us for the kick-off of this month of visioning on March 3 as we welcome Music Director Gavin Thrasher to our Worship program. There is a concert with "Emma's Revolution", a global UU favorite, at 4:00pm in Wylder Hall the same day.

In service,

*Edie*

Edie Mickey-Silveria





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# MINISTER'S MISSIVE

with Rev. Lissa Anne Gundlach

*"I invite you to consider your pledge, not as a donation, but as an investment. An investment in your community that values having you here and provides you with so many things. An investment that is essential for an abundant future. An investment that enables us to nurture our spirits, engage our minds, and inspire action." — Mark Richards*

Dear UUCLB Members and Friends,

UUCLB is a positive and loving presence in the Long Beach community, actively engaging the progressive spiritual values of service, stewardship and justice. Enriched by the gifts and challenges of the past, UUCLB invites you to join our 2024-2025 stewardship campaign: **"Investing in Our future."**

We invite you to invest in our future, with your pledge, your voice, and your vision. In this upcoming year, we are excited to embark upon a mission and vision process to reinvigorate our congregation's unique sense of purpose. This will be the first time we have explored mission and vision in 20 years!

We are excited to welcome you into this collaborative process. On March 3, we'll kick off our Stewardship season with our Sunday service, followed by a brunch where you can connect with other members and share your thoughts about our future. We'll also be welcoming our new Director of Music Ministries, Gavin Thrasher.

It's an exciting time of growth for our congregation as we welcome new members and build our staff team. This year's proposed budget supports a new Director and Assistant for the Religious Education program, as well as restoring a Membership position. Our world needs UUCLB to nurture new generations of children, youth and families, bringing our message of love and justice to the Long Beach community for all to share.

We have set an ambitious pledge goal of \$366,000 which will create a solid foundation for our future. We are asking you to consider increasing your pledge 10% to help us meet our goal.

Please visit our website to make your pledge online. As a reminder, our fiscal year will now run July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and our pledges for 2024-2025 are now back on a 12 month cycle. We encourage you to consider electronic giving!

We invite you to join us in participating in this Stewardship Drive with hope and excitement for the year ahead.

With Gratitude,

*Rev. Lissa Gundlach*

*Edie Mickey-Silveria*

Rev. Lissa and Edie Mickey-Silveria

*“The connection and community that is created through musical collaboration is what led me to be a choral musician, and I continue to be inspired by ensembles I am a part of. I consider it a privilege to join UUCLB and I am excited to make music with everyone!” — Gavin*



**Gavin Thrasher** is a professional conductor, producer, vocalist, and teacher. He earned his Master of Music degree in Choral Music from the University of Southern California, and then began working with the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles. There, Gavin held multiple artistic roles including Assistant Conductor and Interim Artistic Director before moving to New York to serve as Artistic Director for Big Apple Performing Arts and the New York City Gay Men's Chorus. Alongside these positions, Gavin has had the pleasure of serving as Music Director for both UU and UCC congregations. Gavin currently serves as Choral Director for Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA), and Vocal Director for OCSA's MONTAGE! ensemble.

Having a passion for music's quality, availability, accessibility, and impact, Gavin has created and implemented music programs throughout Los Angeles. His collaborations have included the Partnership for LA Schools and the Arts for Healing and Justice Network, as well as working within the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Probation System. Gavin has presented these programs, their curricula, and best practices for this work on a national level, supporting other organizations in making a positive impact through music education.





## Investing in Our Future

### **We are doing something new this year – Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday March 3.**

Not a part of the great St. Patrick's Day celebration we will have on March 17. On this special day you will meet and hear the offerings of our new Music Director. Rev. Lissa will invite us to give our financial support now for 2024-25, online or by picking up a Pledge Form to fill out and turn in at the Stewardship Table after the service. You will hear from members about why they make a substantial contribution financially for all that we do and love, and will do in the year ahead. Our pledge goal for year 2024-25, beginning in July is \$366,000. Pledges account for 64% of our income and 61% of our income is spent on staff.

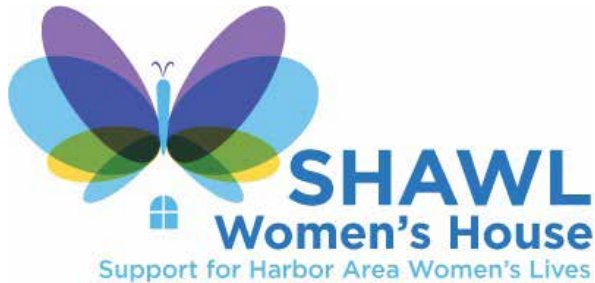
Following this March 3 service you are invited to stay, and with a light snack provided, to have your voice and ideas be heard. You will participate in a one-to-one conversation with someone you don't know well, to share your dreams for what UUCLB can be in the world.

If you didn't receive the personal email from Rev. Lissa about the pledge campaign this year you can stop at the Stewardship Table to receive the information. If you have not submitted a pledge online or filled out the Pledge Form available at church by the middle of March we will mail a Pledge Form to you.

*From your Stewardship Committee*



## Social Justice Collection MARCH 2024



Support for Harbor Area Women's Lives (SHAWL) is a four-month residential recovery program for homeless, addicted women who are survivors of domestic violence (currently 13 women). SHAWL provides comprehensive services and treatment in a warm and supportive atmosphere for women who are attempting to end their addiction, live a life free from violence, and become self-sufficient. SHAWL gives the women an opportunity to improve their life and educational skills, time to explore destructive behavior patterns and learn new decision-making skills in order to work toward stability as well as independence in their lives.

Three facilities in San Pedro provide temporary housing and supportive services for women. SHAWL's Executive Director is UUCLB member Laurie Whalen-Martinez. Visit the SHAWL website: [www.shawlomenshouse.org](http://www.shawlomenshouse.org)

Our social justice collection takes place on the second Sunday, but you can support Long Beach Community Table until the last Sunday of July and DAYS Long Beach until the last Sunday of August, by mail, text, or online.

If by mail, note "Social Justice Collection" on your check, and send it to UUCLB, 5450 E. Atherton St., Long Beach, CA 90808. Using Text-to-Give, text the words "25 Special Collection" and the amount to 833-931-1845. To give \$25, for example, text "25 Special Collection \$25" To cover any convenience fees for the church, you can add the word "cover" (so "25 Special Collection \$25 cover") or simply text "Cover fees on" to cover fees on all text gifts.

**For online giving please go to  
[uuclb.org/give](http://uuclb.org/give)**

## LOC Local Organizing Committee

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Local Organizing Committee is to build coalitions with interfaith communities around common interests, related to economic justice. We foster leadership in organizing.

We are working to prevent homelessness - join us.

**Meets First Wednesdays at  
3:00pm on ZOOM**

For link go to:  
**[UUCLB.org/News/Calendar](https://uuclb.org/News/Calendar)**

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Awaken people to their power in  
social justice activism and advocacy

**Pledge to Vote March 5 and November 5  
at the Table or in the Office –  
one step to preserve our freedoms to speak !**

LA Voice "Listening Campaign" & "Home is Sacred" narrative has resulted in SB567 being Signed into Law in 2023 – Thank you for supporting this effort:

- Listening to our Congregants
- Postcards & Letters
- Rally at the Capital in Sacramento
- Meetings with our State Representatives & Senators, Long Beach Mayor
- News Conferences with the Press

When we started this journey together back in 2022, we knew the fight to get SB567, the Homelessness Prevention Act, through the legislative cycle and signed into law would be an uphill battle.

Through the Senate and the Assembly, through the ups and downs, we hung on, grounded by our faith, and our conviction to build an LA county, and a California with equity and abundance for all.

Email Kathy Adams at: [LOC@UUCLB.ORG](mailto:LOC@UUCLB.ORG)



## 8th Principle Scholarships

### Unitarian Universalist Church Of Long Beach - Policy For 8th Principle Scholarships To District, Regional, And General Assemblies (Excerpt)

*The 8th Principle Scholarship Application – Contact Kathy Adams at [katole@uucbl.org](mailto:katole@uucbl.org) for information*

In keeping with the 8th Principle and Widening the Circle of Concern, 8th Principle Scholarships will be awarded to members of our congregation whose social location often marginalizes and silences their voices. People in this group are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color), LGBTQ+, young adults, youth, disabled people, and those whose socioeconomic status places them in the margins.

The selection process will prioritize current and emerging leaders and those members who have demonstrated a deep commitment to serving their church. A scholarship recipient who wishes to be a delegate should be strongly considered for that appointment.

Cost barriers to participation include registration, ... lost wages, .. factors that may require support. Thus, the amount of financial support needed will vary among the applicants and from one event to another. It should also be noted that most Assembly events offer additional opportunities for defraying costs, especially through volunteering and through scholarships.

#### **Scholarship recipients are invited to share their experiences by:**

1. Organizing or participating in workshops; or
2. Writing articles for the Advance; or
3. Participating in a worship service; or
4. Contributing learnings to the congregation in another meaningful way.

An ad hoc task force (has formed, and officially established – see 2/6/2024 UUCLB board minutes at members only google drive) to administer the Scholarships. Contact Kathy Adams Chair of the 8th Principle Scholarship Team if you have questions or need assistance in applying at [katole@uucbl.org](mailto:katole@uucbl.org) or cell 562-619-8612.

The 8th principle: “We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”  
<https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/>

The window to apply to General Assembly June 23-30 has ended and you are advised to apply for scholarship at [UUA.org/GA](https://uua.org/GA).

Scholarship Applications are being accepted via email to [katole@uucbl.org](mailto:katole@uucbl.org) until March 31 for the following:

#### **Pacific Western Regional Assembly**

Register for conference online April 19-20 Friday to Saturday: <https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/q15hy8g6lbe3aym/>

A multi-day conference centered on connecting across individuals, congregations, and regions. Friday, April 19 - Saturday, April 20th. Registration for in person attendance closes on Friday, April 12, 2024. The business and programs of the Pacific Western Regional Assembly will conclude on Saturday afternoon. Earth Day worship at local Denver and Boulder congregations is being planned for Sunday, to welcome those who want an entire UU weekend of connection.

People can attend either in person, at First Universalist in Denver, or remotely. We are planning a family friendly event and children are welcome. This is a great chance to connect with our larger faith and connect with new and old friends.

**[REGISTER TODAY!](#)**

Area Assembly information:

#### **Promoting Justice, Amplifying Justice**

<https://www.uucamp.org/camps-retreats/family-camps/2024-pacific-southwest-service-area-assembly/>

In Person Attendance Pricing	Virtual Attendance Pricing
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**Level 1 = \$85**

**Level 1 = \$60**

**Level 2 = \$110**

**Level 2 = \$85**

Our host this year is the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura with the support from their neighbors at Chalice UU Fellowship in Conejo Valley. Join us to share what's going on in your congregation and to enjoy meaningful keynote topics, an assortment of workshops, youth con activities, worship, meals and more!

**<https://unitarianuniversalistventura.org/>**





## NEXT LGBTQ+ CAUCUS MEETING

**March 3, 2024, at 11:30am  
in room 2/3**

Hybrid Option: see UUCLB Calendar for Zoom Link

## MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY

**March 1, 2024, 6:00 pm  
in the Lounge**

Documentary

## “Not a Tame Lion”

Is your high school age youth ready for college?  
Are you a current college/university student?

## Join the LGBTQ+ Co-Chairs for a forum on LGBTQ+ Scholarships

The scholarship workshop is scheduled for  
Saturday, March 16, 2016 in the UUCLB Lounge,  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

Queer or Ally and want to join our mailing list?  
Questions? CONTACT US AT  
[lgbtq.chair@uuclb.org](mailto:lgbtq.chair@uuclb.org)

The LGBTQ+ Caucus is Member driven and your input is  
appreciated for planning events, forums, workshops for 2024

Caucus Co-Chairs are: Chrisanne Blakenship-Billings she/  
they/her/them/everything, Bill Sive he/him/his

*Lifting up our voices, Living our authentic  
lives, Sharing our Queer selves,  
We are stronger together In Queer Space*



## NEW!

## Native Justice Group: POW WOW VISIT

**Saturday**

**March 9, 2024, 2:00pm**

**Cal State University  
Long Beach**

**Native Justice**, a new group formed recently within the Racial Justice Team, which is part of the congregation's Social Justice Council, has two aims: to pursue a greater understanding of Native peoples' culture and wisdom and to support Native justice efforts. The Native Justice group meets in hybrid format on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm, as shown in the church calendar. Everyone who is interested is warmly invited to attend.

All are also invited to join our Native Justice group on Saturday, March 9, when they visit the annual Pow Wow held at Cal State University Long Beach. The group will meet up at 2:00pm near the library steps, south of the Pow Wow area, which is on the Upper Campus. Parking is free. The event, open to the public and free of charge, is regarded by the Native Justice group as an excellent opportunity to experience Native culture and to meet members of that community.

The Pow Wow, the largest spring event of its kind in Southern California, runs for two days. It begins at 11:00am both days, and runs until 10:00pm on Saturday and until 7:00pm on Sunday. For complete information, google UUCLB Pow Wow.







## Social Justice Forum

**Sunday  
March 10, 2024  
11:30am  
in the Lounge**

*You are invited to the Social Justice Forum on 2nd Sundays in the Lounge after the service at 11:30.*

*We meet to have dialogue about Social Action News and action plan updates.*

*For more information contact Kathy Adams  
[katole@uucfb.org](mailto:katole@uucfb.org)*



## January 2024: Energy Production Report

Energy Produced:  
1.8 MWh

UUCLB Carbon Offset for  
September 2022:  
1.29 tons

We've offset the equivalent of  
22 Trees!

Year-to-Date Production: 2 MWh  
MWh Lifetime Production: 240.0

## Add On!! December 2023: Energy Production Report

Energy Produced:  
601 kWh


UUCLB Carbon Offset for  
September 2022:  
962 lbs

We've offset the equivalent of  
7 Trees!

Year-to-Date Production: 601 kWh  
MWh Lifetime Production: 3.1

UUCLB uses ENPHASE Equipment to measure our solar energy production. Our monthly energy report shows how our system performed and how much we contributed to offsetting the global carbon footprint.





# The UUCLB 2024 Winter Lights Service Auction

## Another Successful Winter Lights Firsts!

From Mimi Gephart-Seeley, [winterlight@uuclb.org](mailto:winterlight@uuclb.org)

This year's Auction Committee was relieved that the waning COVID19 was finally rendering it safe to return to our Annual In-Person Service Auction Party as we know it. However, as time moved closer to the event, there seemed to be a new increase of COVID outbreaks. After weighing the facts, and considering all safety parameters, we moved forward on the cautious side. We decided to move the food back into Wylder Hall, but to stay with serving small portions on disposable individual plates. We also brought the use of utensils back but stayed with disposable plastic ware. Masks were optional this year and for those not comfortable with dining indoors yet, we made 2 tables and chairs available for outdoor seating. We also stayed with keeping the silent auction online, with our fabulously staffed kiosks available right up to closing.

A dual event – such as an auction with both online and live bidding formats – takes a lot of people power hours, but we tackled this new UUCLB frontier last year and were better prepared for the production of a Hybrid Service Auction this year. As usual, your *Brilliant Auction Committee* met to devise, design, and discuss for months before the event. We scrapped what didn't work, replaced it with what we would better serve us, added what was missing etc. from last year, and designed new system(s) for moving forward with better results for this year. And it worked! Last year the 2022-2023 service auction achieved its highest fundraising number to date. This year, 2023-2024, we beat that record high of **\$28,197.37** net with a new record high of **\$31,702.95** net! I would like to officially dedicate this year's record-breaking Service Auction Fundraiser to the memory of my predecessor Barbara Atlas. I know that this year's success would have made her so very proud.

As we learned last year, putting together 2 different types of auctions that run at the same time and intersect at one fixed point is not any easy task. They say "practice makes perfect"...we weren't perfect, but this year was far more doable; even the need for more volunteers wasn't any issue. **UU's show up!** And UUCLB volunteers are no exception to this rule. The kind of flexibility, and cooperation that we experience every year did not disappoint this year. The spirit

of faith and dedication shined brightly to create another fantastic Auction. It's forever amazing to watch so many volunteers quickly roll up their sleeves and go to work! The leadership and dedication of the many teams always serves as a symbolic Chalice that stays lit through the entire process from beginning to end. There were fewer bumps in the road this year. As always, the UUCLB "We" brought love and collaboration, providing what it takes to pave the way for a smooth process that this year was much easier to navigate. The magic we create when we come together to make something bigger than ourselves is undeniable. I watched the magic fill Wylder Hall on Friday night and all-day Saturday – from morning into the evening, – where a good time was had by all! **WE ROCK!**

This was my 10th year producing this event, and as I look back, I see how it has shaped me in my personal life and faith. I couldn't be prouder to say that this is my church, and you are my people. It's always a great day to be a UU, and an honor to serve UUCLB. That said, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to thank a few key players this year.

- First, the incredible Service Auction Committee!
- Next, consultants and key players: Marlene Brown and Elmer Taylor for being the most invaluable mentors and consultants. Diana Tercero for agreeing to join this committee (and crazy ride) as our new Director of the (In Person) Party Event, Derald Tucker, Janice Jones, Treacy Gephart-Seeley, Norma Edwards, Steve Fuller, Edie Silveira, Kathy Adams, Roxanne Korzeniowski, Barbara Hall, Dan Bindman, and Joanne Pon Rubin.

There are so many more and I list them all in a separate "thank you" article in this Advance issue.

## THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

In Love, Faith and Service,  
Mimi Gephart-Seeley  
UUCLB Annual Service Auction **Interim** Chairperson

## The UUCLB 2024

### Winter Lights Service Auction

*See You*



*Next Year!*







## Many Thank You's for another successful Service Auction!

2024 brought the second UUCLB Hybrid Virtual/In-Person Auction event, many of this year's volunteers worked double time to make this year's Service Auction a fun fundraising success. Once again proving that UUCLB knows how to embrace our UU spirit, work hard, be flexible, and SHOW UP! Here are the many brilliant UUCLB human beings who worked hard to bring you this year's rockin' party event.

**We love and appreciate all of you!!**

### Auction Committee

- Mimi Gephart-Seeley (Chair, Virtual Admin, Event Producer/Organizer, Publicity and UU Wrangler)
- Treacy Gephart-Seeley (Assistant Chair, Virtual Administrator, Data Team Lead, Live Night Counter, Catalog editor, and So Much More.)
- Joanne Pon Rubin (Auction Boutiques Manger/Organizer, Wine Pull.)
- Marlene Brown (Live Auction Consultant and Event Mentor)
- Maureen McHale (Art/Graphics, Cashier, Treasurer)
- Roxanne Korzeniowski (Basket Team Lead Extraordinaire!)
- Pauline McMahon (Basket Team Wizard, Ticket Sales & invaluable committee member)
- Norma Edwards (Auction Boutiques, Catalog research & write ups, Event Shopper and Transport, invaluable committee member)
- Diana Tercero (Party Event Director)

### Auction Boutiques Team

- Joanne Pon Rubin (Team Lead)
- Marti Evans
- Norma Edwards
- Jane Kaylor

- JoRae Zuckerman
- Lee Kimura
- Chrisanne Blankenship-Billings
- Jimmy Brink
- Phibun Ny
- LeRae Niell
- Barbara Hal
- Maria Hanson
- Shelia Hernandez
- Lisa Jones

### Wine Pull

- Laura Scully
- Priscilla Ortiz
- Arthur Niell

### The "FAB SIX" Basket Wizards

- Roxanne Korzeniowski (Team Lead)
- Maria Hanson
- Pauline McMahon
- Gail Kempf
- Melanie Phelps
- Cody Phelps

### Data/Tech Team

- Treacy Gephart-Seeley (Team Lead)
- Derald Tucker (Team Lead in Training)
- Janice Jones (co Team Lead in Training)
- Phil Ory
- Steve Urmini (Kiosk Concierge)
- Ruth Goodwin (Kiosk Concierge)
- Lisa B Jones (Kiosk & Poster Item Concierge)

### Live Night Auction Team

- Jan Goodwin ( Team Lead, MC, Counter)
- Chrisanne Blankenship-Billings (Auctioneer)
- Elaine Bernal-Tucker (Auctioneer)
- Steve Soddors (Auctioneer)
- Treacy Gephart-Seeley (Counter, Data)

### Live Night Tech Team

- Paul Goodwin (Zoom Master)
- Edie Silveira (AV Team Lead, Video & Sound Technician)
- Elmer Taylor (Back Up AV Technician, internet solutions)

### Decorations

- Barbara Hall (Team Lead)
- Maria Hanson
- Marti Evans
- Phibun Ny
- Diana Tercero
- Treacy Gephart-Seeley
- Mimi Gephart-Seeley

### Friday Night Set-up (Fairy Lights & Tech)

- Steve Fuller
- Elmer Taylor
- Edie Silveria
- David Goodwin
- Jan Goodwin
- Paul Goodwin
- Kathy Adams
- Diana Tercero
- Mauricio Moreno

- Treacy Gephart-Seeley
- Mimi Gephart-Seeley

### 9:00 AM Set-up

- Steve Fuller
- Elmer Taylor
- Steven Urmini
- Will Gagner
- Kathy Adams
- Bill Holtz
- Diana Tercero
- Treacy Gephart-Seeley
- Mimi Gephart-Seeley

### Pick Up/Clean Up

- Jane Kaylor
- Jim Keese
- Kathy Rodgers
- and many more

### Event Photographer

- Gail Kempf

### Door Check In

- Gina Stevens
- Jennifer Filipowicz
- A Special Thank You To,
- Kitchen Crew
- Kathy Adams (Team Lead)
- Jimmy Brinks
- Chyrsele Dombrowski
- Phibun Ny
- Diana Tercero

### Cashiers

- Maureen McHale (Treasurer)
- Jayne Swanson (Floor Cashier)
- Treacy Gephart-Seeley
- David Goodwin



**Cashiers (con't.)**

- Janice Jones
- Phil Ory

**Bartenders**

- Dan Bindman (Team Lead)
- Roger Grunke
- Steve Fuller (back up)

**Party Event Team**

- Diana Tercero (Director)
- Elmer Taylor (Consultant)
- Steve Fuller
- Edie Silveria
- Phibun Ny
- Kathy Adams
- Treacy Gephart-Seeley
- Mimi Gephart-Seeley

**Tablecloths; Wash & Dry**

- Phibun Ny
- Lindsey Cota

**Tear Down & Reset Church**

- Steve Fuller
- Edie Silveria (Risers Lead)
- Steve Urmini
- David James
- Elmer Taylor
- Chris Kempf
- Misako Miyagawa
- Kristen Blunt
- Roger Grunke
- Dan Bindman
- AND all the other unnamed volunteers who

stayed after and joined in to help!

**Fairy Lights Take Down**

- Elmer Taylor
- Steve Fuller
- Treacy Gephart-Seeley

**Pick Up and Pay**

- Treacy Gephart-Seeley
- Derald Tucker
- Joanne Pon Rubin
- Janice Jones
- Norma Edwards
- Diana Tercero
- Mauricio Moreno

**Event Sextons**

- Melanie Vance-Ryan (kitchen)
- April Bradford-Tracy (grounds and church reset)

**Food Donations**

- A big SHOUT OUT to all who donated Appetizers and Desserts, they were fabulous, and we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts (and stomachs)!

# Thank You!

**A Special Thank You**

**Special Shout Out** to Edie Silveria who went above and beyond by signing up to be an Auction Chair assistant. I took this to heart. Our current Chair of the Board of Trustees took on several of my major responsibilities! Including performing Video and Sound tech duties simultaneously. She came through with flying colors! For this I am deeply grateful. Also, to Michael Lyde who created the fabulous graphics for this year's 2024 auction poster. And last but not least, to the ever so awesome Lisa Moore for once again, allowing us to take over her garage and turn it into a Magical Gift Basket conjuring space!

I am truly Grateful to work with such an amazing group of genuine UU humans who believe in the "We", avoid working in silos, and keep things grounded in our UU faith. I appreciate every one of you.

In Service,  
Mimi Gephart-Seeley,  
UUCLB Annual Service Auction Interim Chairperson

## A Slate of Candidates for You to Consider From Your Leadership Development Committee

Norma Stoltz Chinchilla, Chair



### Phibun Ny

Candidate Statement for  
Leadership Development Committee

I have served UUCLB in a variety of ways, most recently as Chairman of the Chalice Guild, a member of the Worship Committee and Chairman of the Green Team. I have enjoyed the opportunities to meet and get to know many members of our church community.

I would like to be on the Leadership Development Committee because I believe I bring qualities that would prove to be beneficial. My diverse life experiences and the variety of leadership roles I have held professionally, in my involvement Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos, and here at church have prepared me to be a valuable addition to the committee.



### Norma Stoltz Chinchilla

Candidate Statement for  
Leadership Development Committee

I have served UUCLB in various positions including as a facilitator for the leadership workshop Harvest the Power and the Small Group Ministry Program, and a member of the Social Justice Council, the worship Committee, the Amicus Committee, and the Personnel Committee. I am currently in my second two year term on the Leadership Development Committee (formerly the Nominations Committee) and my first year as chair of the committee. If elected for another 2 year term, I will continue my efforts to widen the net of people we encourage to take on leadership roles in our church Lisa Moore January 2024.

Each year, at the annual congregational meeting in May, members of UUCLB have an opportunity to vote on potential new members of the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Development Committee (formerly known as the Nominations Committee). In addition to the candidates presented by the LDC, our By-Laws provide for nominations to be made from the floor.

This year, two members of the Board of Trustees, Sam Friedman and Nasreen Gagner will be completing their terms in June 2024. The LDC is nominating two candidates to replace them: Maria Hanson and Lisa Moore whose candidate statements and photos are included below. If elected, this will make a total of five members of the Board, including Priscilla Ortiz, Edie Mickey-Silveria and Gina Stephens. The Board can have as many as seven members but as of this date, the LDC has only identified candidates to replace the two members who have finished their terms. If you have ideas about who might be qualified for service as a board trustee and willing to serve, do not hesitate to contact the LDC at [ldc@uuclb.org](mailto:ldc@uuclb.org).

In addition to electing members of the Board, our By-Laws require that we elect a Clerk for the Board. Our candidate for clerk, Gina Stephens, is currently serving a one year term as clerk, in addition to being a member of the Board, and is willing to be considered for an additional year of service. Please see her statement and bio below.

Finally, Kamilah Holmes and Norma Chinchilla are completing their terms as members of the Leadership Development Committee. Norma Chinchilla has agreed to be a candidate for a third term on the LDC and Phibun Ny has agreed to join the committee as a new member if elected. Please see their statements below.

Mark you calendars now and plan to attend our Congregational Meeting on Saturday May 18.

## Con't...A Slate of Candidates for You to Consider

### *From Your Leadership Development Committee*

#### Lisa Moore



Candidate Statement for Board of Trustees

I began attending the Unitarian Church in Ann Arbor Michigan while I was in graduate school.

Moving to California in 1982, I became a member of Pacific Unitarian Church. A move to Long Beach, had me attending UUCLB briefly. In 1990, When my son was about 18 months old, I began attending regularly.

I have served on many committees and worked on many projects at the Church. Religious Education, Personnel, Worship and Pastoral Care Committee to name a few. I cochaired the Seder twice and I lend my garage out to the Auction Committee each year.

I want to serve on the Board of Trustees in order to contribute to the direction and growth of UUCLB. The Principles and Purposes of the UU faith are very important to me and I wish to contribute whatever talents I have to helping the faith I love flourish.

#### Maria Munoz Hanson



Candidate Statement for Board of Trustees

The purpose of this statement is to introduce myself as a candidate for UUCLB Board of

Trustees. I have attended UUCLB for over 25 years. I served a full term on the Board once before in the past. I most recently served on the Pastoral Care committee and have helped in various church fund raising activities. My husband Roy and I have been married for 35 years and regularly support the church budget through our annual pledge. I was born in Puerto Rico and I am a fluent Spanish speaker. I believe our Board of Trustees needs a diversity of voices and life experiences.

I retired from teaching (as a life credentialed bi-lingual/cross cultural elementary teacher) in 2000 from the Long Beach Unified School district. Since I retired, I have volunteered on boards of various community organizations and deployed as an out of state volunteer social work supervisor in disaster responses for the American Red Cross. I have recently retired from volunteering for out of state disaster work.

Currently I am on the board of the Friends of Belmont Shore and the Retired Teachers Association for ABC Unified School District. My good health and energy allow me to take on additional commitments.

#### Gina Stephens



Candidate Statement for Board of Trustees Clerk

Thank you for considering me for a third year as your Clerk. I also served as a member of your

Board of Trustees for the last year and have found the roles very compatible. I would like another year to help establish policies and best practices for future UUCLB Clerks.

Some of us serve by caring for our wildflowers, or by planting vegetables, or by making sure the campus is safe and secure. Others serve by providing care and support to members in need, or by guiding our children in their spiritual development, or by providing uplifting music for worship services.

This is my way of serving. Keeping the minutes of board meetings, helping to sort out our policies, and making documents accessible to our members is not drudgery, it is a source of joy and enrichment for me.

I come to UUCLB to have my life transformed, and my volunteer work is what fuels my spirit.





## Membership

### Please Join our Next “Starting Point” Class

**Sunday, March 3, 2024,  
11:30 am in the Lounge**

(We meet on the first Sunday of each Month)

- share your personal religious journey.
- discover the church's many programs & activities.
- meet other prospective members.
- learn about some of the church's statements of philosophy such as our Principles, Bond of Fellowship, Congregational Covenant, and Mission Statement.
- learn more about the next steps.
- learn how you can support UUCLB.
- be invited to become a member.

For more info, see our webpage at  
<https://www.uuclb.org/connect/become-a-member/>

Or email: [Membership@uuclb.org](mailto:Membership@uuclb.org)

Will you be attending via ZOOM?  
Please let us know so that we can  
welcome you virtually.  
email: [membership@uuclb.org](mailto:membership@uuclb.org)

Meeting ID: 921 8298 5381  
Passcode: 704679

Or paste the link into your browser:  
<https://zoom.us/j/92182985381?pwd=dDJeTZidC9QVNmN5dUNxVUsxVEJnUT09>



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Or email: [Membership@uuclb.org](mailto:Membership@uuclb.org)



## Denomination Dates

**Major Denomination  
Gatherings: Plan Now!**

**April 19-20 '24**

**Regional Assembly for the  
Pacific Western Region**  
Denver, CO, and Online  
([uua.org/pacific-western](http://uua.org/pacific-western))

**April 26-28 '24**

**Pacific Southwest  
Service Area Assembly &  
Camp de Benneville Pines  
Annual Meeting  
+ PSWSA Youth Con**

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, CA and  
Online ([uucamp.org](http://uucamp.org))

**June 20-23 '24**

**General Assembly of the  
Unitarian Universalist Association**  
Online only ([uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga))

*(GA '25 will be hybrid, with  
live attendance in Baltimore.)*

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN  
FOR THE PSWSA ASSEMBLY  
IN VENTURA!**

[Click here:](#)  
[Registration is OPEN!](#)





**Saturday, March 9, 2024**  
**9:00am to 1:00pm**

## Join Us for the **UUCLB Facilities WORK PARTY!**

The Facilities Committee invites you to the monthly UUCLB Work Party. This is an event where volunteers of all ages gather to maintain our campus and make minor repairs. Show up any time during the party to do just one task or many tasks.

The Facilities Committee prepares and posts a list of tasks that need to be done. These include recurring tasks and those requested by the staff or committees or congregants. Tasks that are not completed will be on the list for the next work party. Following are the types of tasks on the list.

**Gardening** – It's summer and things are growing. Weeding is always needed and some plants need trimming.

**Cleaning** – Every cleaning chore you do at home is needed at UUCLB. Stains on the patio and walkways are cleaned as needed.

**Checking and replacing** – Replacing lights and air filters are always on the list.

**Maintenance** – We fix, modify and assemble things where volunteers have the needed skills.

**See You There!**

## TOWN HALL COUNCIL MEETING



**Thursday,**  
**March 28, 2024**  
**7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**on ZOOM**

uucbl.org/meetings/thc  
 Meeting ID: 869 6720 0610  
 Passcode: 732091

This is the place to learn what's going on at UUCLB!

- Committees & Task Forces – share what you're doing!
- Newcomers – meet fellow congregants & get to know the workings and processes of UUCLB!
- Fellowship Opportunities for ALL!

\*\* Go to the Town Hall Council folder in the Members Only Google drive for information about agenda items\*\*

### On the Agenda

- March Board Actions & Updates
- Committee Updates – what should the Board & Congregation know?  
 — Please submit information by March 21 so participants can study the issues before the meeting.

### Open Discussion

Board listening:  
 What's going well? What needs improvement?

Questions or to place an item on the agenda—  
 contact Jan Goodwin at: jan.goodwin@uucbl.org

## donations needed to help furry friends in need

Children and Youth will put their faith into action by making toys for a local animal shelter **Sunday, March 10**, as part of a series of monthly activities benefiting others.

We are also collecting gently used towels and blankets for the shelter. Donations of unopened cat and dog food are welcome too!

For more information, please contact Faith In Action coordinator Laura Scully at 562-822-0200 or at [lbscullyl@gmail.com](mailto:lbscullyl@gmail.com).



## ATHEIST / FREE THINKERS GROUP

First & Third Mondays: 2:30pm

Join Us in the Lounge or via ZOOM

For ZOOM link  
please go to [uucbl.org/calendar](http://uucbl.org/calendar)

If you want to find out why we don't believe,  
join us in discussion or give us your argument!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

[atheist@uucbl.org](mailto:atheist@uucbl.org)

## Save the Date!

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**10:00am-1:00pm**

## Worship & Annual Meeting

What do you do when the Long Beach Pride Parade changes their parade date to our UUCLB Annual Meeting (5/19/24)? You create a fun filled Coffee/Brunch/Worship/Annual Meeting morning on Saturday instead. UUCLB's Annual Meeting is a time to envision the year ahead for our congregation and it's role in our community. On Saturday May 18th, your Board and Minister will present a unique Coffee/Brunch/Worship/Annual meeting. We'll worship together, have brunch, select new leaders to serve UUCLB and vote on our annual budget. This will allow the whole church to be at the Parade on May 19th!

Questions? Contact your board of trustees at [board@uucbl.org](mailto:board@uucbl.org)

## VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

Your Adult Faith Development Team Requests

**UUA Common Read Facilitators**

**Discussion Facilitators**

**Arts and Crafts Leaders**

**Event Planners, Helpers and Hosts**

**Event Videographers and Photographers**

**Event Summary Writers**

**To Support Upcoming Programming**

Contact Kathy Adams & Michael Lyde at  
[afd.chair@uucbl.org](mailto:afd.chair@uucbl.org) for more information

# JOIN THE GREEN TEAM

Greenteam@uclb.org

► "The Mission of the Green Team is to foster long-term care of the Earth, driven by the knowledge that environmental justice is social justice."

We meet every 3rd Sunday at  
11:30am in Room 1  
go to [uclb.org/calendar](http://uclb.org/calendar) for more info

Drop into a meeting to  
see what we're sowing!



Email us at: [greenteam@uclb.org](mailto:greenteam@uclb.org)



## BIPOC NEWS

**NEXT BIPOC MEETING  
TUESDAY,  
MARCH 20, 2024**

**7:00pm**

**In the Lounge  
and on ZOOM**

For more information and details,  
contact us at  
[BIPOC.chair@uclb.org](mailto:BIPOC.chair@uclb.org)

## CONTEMPORARY BOOK CLUB



### THIS MONTH:

**March 24 - *Lessons in Chemistry*,**  
Bonnie Garmus (2022). A cooking show host  
changes the status quo. A perfect read for  
Women's History Month.

### READ AHEAD:

**April 28 - *A Separate Peace*,**  
John Knowles (1959). A PBS 'Great American Read'.  
A timeless coming-of-age novel of set during  
World War II.

**We meet in person every  
4th Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Room I.**

Please read the book and come ready to discuss.  
All are welcome.



# Adult Faith Development

*Identity*

*Purpose*

*Meaning*

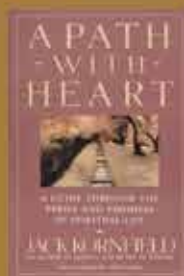
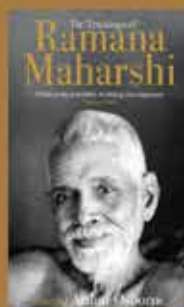
Questions? Comments? Contact Kathy Adams or Michael Lyde at [afd.chair@uucfb.org](mailto:afd.chair@uucfb.org)

## A Reflection on Spiritual Practices

"The question 'Who am I?' is not really meant to get an answer; the question 'Who am I?' is meant to dissolve the questioner." ~ Ramana Maharshi

In many spiritual traditions, repeatedly asking the question "Who am I?" or a variation such as "Who is carrying this body?" is the central practice offered for awakening. Teachers like Ramana Maharshi and great Zen masters from China and Japan have used the repetition of this simple and profound question to guide students to discover their true nature. In the end, it is a question we must all ask ourselves. Without being aware of it, you take many things as your identity: your body, your race, your beliefs, your thoughts. Yet very quickly with sincere questioning, you will find yourself sensing a deeper level of truth.

Excerpted from "Meditation: Who Am I?" in "A Path With Heart" by Jack Canfield.



## Wait, There's More...

Visit our table on the West Patio following worship services to sign up and learn more about discussions of the UUA Common Read and other adult spirituality and education experiences.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### An Afternoon with Shelby Van Pelt and her Remarkably Bright Creatures

Sunday, March 10, 2024

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

City Council Chambers

Long Beach City Hall

Sponsored by Friends of the Long Beach Library

### Words of Our Own Writing Group

Sunday, March 24, 2024

11:30 AM - 1:30-ish PM

Lounge & Zoom

### Soulful Sampler

A Creative Kickback for All Ages

Saturday, April 20, 2024

10:00 AM - 2:00-ish PM

Lounge & West Patio

### Words of Our Own Writing Group

Sunday, April 28, 2024

11:30 AM - 1:30-ish PM

Lounge & Zoom

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Lounge & Zoom

Zoom links are available in Church Calendar at [uucfb.org](http://uucfb.org).





**JOIN US APRIL 20  
FOR  
SOULFUL SAMPLER**

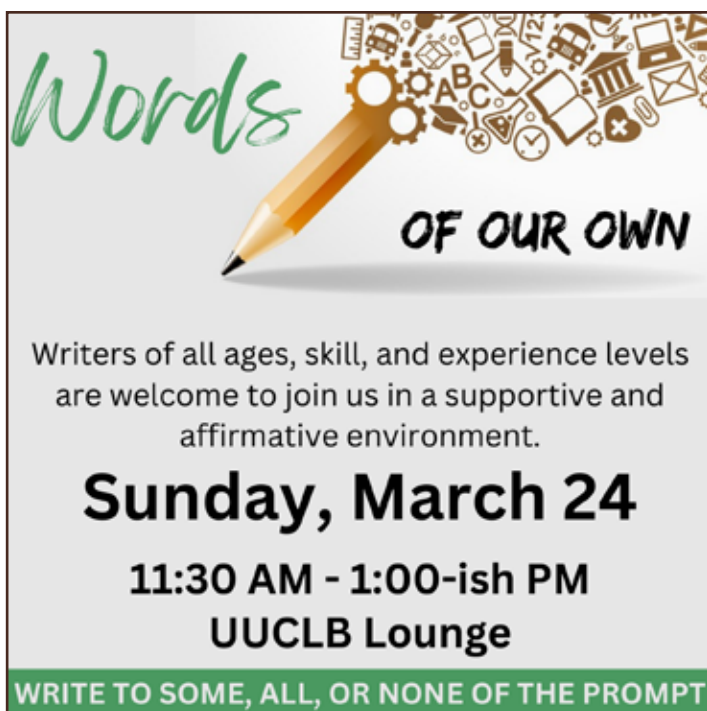
**FEATURING**  
Crafts, Painting, Greeting Cards, Doodles  
Soulful Sounds & BYOA (Bring Your Own Art)

**COME. CONNECT. CREATE.**

Bring a lunch or a snack

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
LOUNGE & WEST PATIO**

It's a Creative kickback



*Words*

**OF OUR OWN**

Writers of all ages, skill, and experience levels are welcome to join us in a supportive and affirmative environment.

**Sunday, March 24**

**11:30 AM - 1:00-ish PM**  
**UUCLB Lounge**

**WRITE TO SOME, ALL, OR NONE OF THE PROMPT**



**UUCLB MUSIC & ARTS  
Presents**

**2024 Concerts**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**March 3, 2024**  
**Emma's Revolution**

**April 4, 2024**  
More info coming soon

**May 5, 2024**  
**Mark Sullivan Piano Concert**

Interested in the UUCLB Young Adult Network? (ages 18-35)  
Contact Kathy Adams for more information at 562-619-8612 or [katole@uucblb.org](mailto:katole@uucblb.org)

**Unitarian Universalist**  
**YOUNG ADULT**  
**NETWORK** of Long  
Beach  
**UUYAN** Ages 18-35

Every 3rd Sunday  
After Service @the lounge  
~11:30am 5450 E. Atherton St  
Long Beach CA, 90815

For more information contact  
Kathy Adams  
katole@uucfb.org  
562-619-8612 cell



UUCLB Music and Arts Committee Presents  
UUCLB Concert Series  
**EMMA'S REVOLUTION**

Sunday, March 3, 2024 — 4:00pm in Wylder Hall



**Emma's Revolution, the dynamic, award-winning activist duo of Pat Humphries & Sandy O., will perform in Wylder Hall on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 4:00PM.**

They'll bring their "beautiful harmonies and genre-defying eclecticism" in finely-crafted songs that are "tools of inspiration and motivation to fuel today's resistance movements", delivering "the energy and strength of their convictions in an uprising of truth and hope for these tumultuous times"

All quotes above are from the New York Times, which also said:

"Known for fearless, truth-telling lyrics and melodies you can't resist singing, Emma's Revolution are in their 20th year performing together. Emma's Revolution's songs have traveled around the world and have been sung for the Dalai Lama, praised by Pete Seeger and covered by Holly Near. . . (They've) shared the stage with Pete Seeger, Holly Near, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. William Barber and Bill McKibben and performed at concerts, justice events, and mass demonstrations across the country. . . The duo has given thousands of performances throughout the US and around the world in Canada, Chile, Korea, Scotland, England, Israel, Palestine, Nicaragua and Cuba. Emma's Revolution consistently delivers performances so powerful, audiences leap to their feet to demand more."

**Please join us for what promises to be a transcendent show!**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024, 4:00PM in Wylder Hall**

Suggested donation \$20 general, \$10 student, children 12 and under free

For information, contact David James at [musicandarts@uuclb.org](mailto:musicandarts@uuclb.org)  
Brought to you by your UUCLB Music and Arts Committee





**UUCLB Music and Arts Committee  
Invites One and All to Attend the UUCLB**

# St. Patrick's Day Party



**Sunday, March 17, 2024  
in Wylder Hall!**

The St. Patrick's Day Party returns to UUCLB,  
with all the usual festivities, including:

- A feast of Irish stew, soda bread, and other treats
- St. Paddy's Day Joke Contest
- Irish Pub-Style Singalong
- Music from the Wyld Irish Roses (AKA The Wylder Spirits)

We're still looking for volunteers to cook stew, bake bread, bring some other food items,  
as well as set up the party and clean up afterward – if you'd like to volunteer,  
please sign up during coffee hour on the next few Sundays, or drop an email to  
David James at [musicarts.chair@uucbl.org](mailto:musicarts.chair@uucbl.org)

*Presented by the UUCLB Music and Arts Committee*





# IT'S BACK!

## Ukrainian Egg Dyeing 'Fun'raiser

To Benefit Ukrainian Children & Families

**Saturday, March 23, 2024 in Wylder Hall**

**Drop in between 9:00am and 3:00pm**

**RSVP to Jan Goodwin at [janiceg22@gmail.com](mailto:janiceg22@gmail.com)**

Suggested donation: \$20/person, \$40/family

Larger donations gratefully accepted. (You may certainly donate without attending!)

Please make checks payable to UUCLB with "Ukrainian" in the memo.

Donations will be sent to UNICEF



**Come for fellowship, come to make an egg, come in empathy and solidarity with the Ukrainian people**

Join us for a  
joyful celebration  
of the  
Easter holiday,  
featuring our  
fabulous  
UUCLB choir

## Hop on over for our

# EASTER Egg hunt

Join us on

**March 31, 2024**  
**after Sunday Service**

Enjoy coffee hour  
in the courtyard  
after the service.

Join in an Egg Hunt with a special visit  
from the Easter bunny!  
Be sure to bring your baskets and  
wear your Easter Bonnets!!!!



# BOARD REPORTS

## Board of Trustees **Emergency Meeting** January 30, 2024

Minutes prepared by Gina Stephens, Clerk

### Nature of Emergency

The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, NJ, requested that UUCLB sign on as a Supporting Congregation for their amendment to the Article II Amendments. A majority at the Jan. 25 Town Hall Council (16 of 26) voted to recommend the Board of Trustees approve this request. The deadline for Ridgewood to collect support is Feb. 1, and in order to fulfill THC's request, the board needs to hold an Emergency meeting. After discussion, two board members voted that this was not a true church emergency and three approved.

### UUA Bylaws Proposed Amendments

- I. Move that UUCLB be a Supporting Congregation of the following amendment to Article II Section C-2.2. Values and Covenant from The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood (Ridgewood, NJ). APPROVED
  - Two Board members voted against this as it did not include the 8th Principle, which UUCLB adopted in 2022. We are reminded that being a Supporting Congregation would be neither a vote on its content nor an indication of how our delegates would vote at GA; it simply allows the amendment to go forward for discussion and placement on the GA agenda.

Titled: 7 Principles as Preamble - Hyde.

**Insert:** As UU congregations, we draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love and principles that continue to nourish us, including:

The inherent worthiness\* and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

\* "worth" in original 7 Principles has been changed to "worthiness" by the author of this amendment.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Minutes prepared by Gina Stephens, Clerk

Attendees: Edie Mickey-Silveria – President; Priscilla Ortiz, Sam Warner – Co-VP; Gina Stephens – Clerk; Nasreen Gagner – Trustee; Maureen McHale – Treasurer; Rev. Lissa Gundlach – Minister; Paul Goodwin – Zoom host; Arthur Niell, Jan Goodwin, Jimmy Brink, Kathy Adams, LeRae Niell – Guests

### Consent Agenda

1. [December 2023 Board Minutes](#)
2. [January 30, 2024 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes](#)

### Board Recognitions

Mimi and Treacy Gephart Seeley and Diana Tercero for an awesome job with the Service Auction.

### Minister and Head of Staff Report [Jan and Feb 2024](#)

### Treasurer's Report [Jan 2024](#) [Feb 2024](#)

**Clerk's Report**  
[UUA Certification Reported 201 Members and 50 Friends.](#)  
This gives us one more delegate at GA. (increased from 3 to 4)

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve Rentals Task Force [Contract for](#) Non-Members **APPROVED**
2. Approve [Denominational Delegate Policy](#) **APPROVED**
3. Approve temporary solution for awarding [8th Principle Scholarships](#) **APPROVED**

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Suggested Bylaws change from Finance Committee. **APPROVED**  
[Motion](#) to include a Bylaw change at UUCLB's Annual Meeting on 5/18/2024. (Change from "April or May" to "May or June") "The Annual Meeting of this congregation and corporation shall be held on the fourth Sunday in May in the main Church building, or at such other time and place in May or June."  
**Note:** This would be voted on by the congregation at the May 18, 2024 Annual Meeting, and would go into effect in the 2024-25 church year.
2. Motion to purchase two seats for GA to host members and friends to witness UUA's General Assembly together virtually from the campus of UUCLB.
  - After discussion and with a lack of consensus, the motion was withdrawn.

Is it time for you to revise your will or trust, or maybe to develop one for the time?



When you do, please remember the important role the church has played in your life and your family's life.

Your bequest or other gift will make a difference to the church's long-term future. When you return the Confidential Bequest Form to the church, as directed, the Planned Giving Committee will joyfully welcome you into the UUCLB Legacy Circle.

Go to <https://www.uuclb.org/give/planned-giving/> for information. Email [plannedgiving@uuclb.org](mailto:plannedgiving@uuclb.org) with any questions.

# GIVING

IS EASIER THAN EVER



**ONLINE GIVING—TRY IT!  
GIVE AT**

<https://www.uuclb.org/give/digital-giving/>

or Text-to-Give:  
simply text “GIVE” to our dedicated 10-digit giving phone number (833) 931-1845 and follow the online instructions.

***Want to announce an Events or submit an article for Publication? Follow the instructions listed below.***

Please use the following addresses to communicate events and announcements. Submit as text or MS Word .doc attachment or typed in the body of your email. No special formatting please. Graphics should be attached in .pdf, .jpg or .tiff formats. Please name your files relative to the content, ex.: Green Team March 2020.

**[announcements@uuclb.org](mailto:announcements@uuclb.org)** — this is the e-blast that comes once a week in your email

**DUE DATE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Submit by Tuesdays at noon. Please send a new email each week for each item you would like published because the announcements are created by checking each week's unread emails. We do not have time to go back to see how long each article or announcement should run. Thank you for understanding.

**[advance@uuclb.org](mailto:advance@uuclb.org)** — this is the newsletter that comes out monthly in your email. You're reading it now! See info at right.

**[calendar@uuclb.org](mailto:calendar@uuclb.org)** — send your calendaring requests (room reservations) to this address

**[Click here to request a ZOOM room reservation](#)**

or use this link: **[uuclb.org/zoomres](https://uuclb.org/zoomres)**

**[socialmedia@uuclb.org](mailto:socialmedia@uuclb.org)** — send your social media requests (facebook / church website) to this address

**[www.uuclb.org](https://www.uuclb.org)** — this is our website...Please take a look!

## ADVANCE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE CHANGE

**Due: Tuesday, March 19  
for the  
April 2024 issue**

**By 9:00 pm**

**PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

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