

January 2024

UUCLB FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Soul Matters Theme: Liberating Love

This month, we explore the Article II value of Love. The Article II commission has placed love at the center of our faith and holds up the idea that we draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love. Here is the wording that was added:

“Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.”

January's RE Sessions

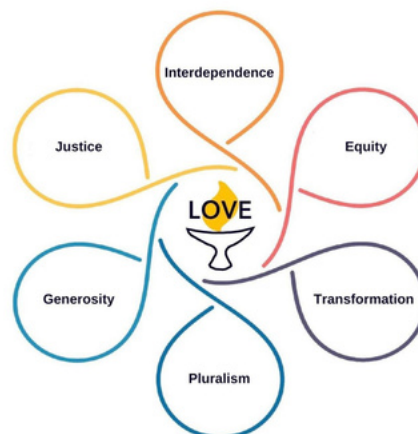
7th
All Youth Start in Service
Time for All Ages
K-3 Session
4-12 Youth Group

14th
K-12 Faith in Action
Backpack Project

21st
K-3 CORE Curriculum
4-12 Youth Group

28th
K-3 CORE Curriculum
4-12 Youth Group

“Love at the Center”



We gather the light of truth, the warmth of love,
and the energy of action into our hearts.
Back into the world of do and say,
Carry it forward into the dawning day.
Go Now in Peace, Amen

MLK FAITH IN ACTION: Backpack Project for LBUSD Bethune Transitional Center

LBUSD Mary McLeod Bethune Transitional Center offers assistance to students experiencing homelessness in the Long Beach Unified School District. Services include mental health assessment and support, health screenings and enrollment assistance. There are over 6,000 children and youth within the Long Beach Unified School District who are either homeless or living in transitional housing. For over 25 years, the youth of UUCLB have endeavored to provide brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies to the Bethune Transitional Center which serves LB Unified. We created art, visited the nearby neighborhood with request letters, and handed out donation bags to our congregation. We have organized a second round of backpacks for the school children in need. On this Sunday when we honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy, we are grateful for this opportunity to serve the youth of our Long Beach community.



Sunday, January 14th @ 10 am



FAITH IN

ACTION

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH
MEET IN CHALICE BUILDING**

**Assemble Backpacks for Homeless Youth
for Bethune Transitional Center**

INVITATION TO MLK PARADE AND CELEBRATION

Beloved UUCLB Families and Friends:

The Racial Justice Team and the BIPOC Fellowship are taking the lead in our church's participation in the Long Beach MLK Parade on January 13th. Along with the application, we must also submit individual release and waiver of liability forms. You can download them here (youth waiver and adult waiver) and bring them to the church office, pick up and sign on Sunday morning, or we will have on the day of to submit. Hope to see you all at the parade!

-Members Jimmy Brink, Kathy Adams and Mack Scott Baron



When: Saturday 1/13/2024 Park & Assemble 9:00am, Parade Start 10:00am


Where: The parade kickoff starts at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and Anaheim Street and ends at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park (1950 Lemon Avenue, Long Beach)

What: After the parade stay for a park celebration that will include a main stage with performances, a health and wellness area, a youth area, food and merchandise vendors, and information booths. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and Celebration has become a longstanding tradition that celebrates the diverse community of Long Beach. This festival serves to honor and keep alive the many values of Dr. King through arts, remembrance and meaningful perspectives. This UUCLB Social Justice Fellowship opportunity is sponsored by group partnerships: Adult Faith Development, People of Color, Black & White Men Together



Happy New Year UUCLB Families!

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 31 No RE	1 	2	3	4	5	6 Music Search Workshop 2-5 pm on campus
7 K-12 youth start in service and go to sessions	8	9	10	11	12	13 Workparty and Garden Help 9 am-12 pm 10 am MLK Parade
14 MLK Sunday Faith in Action K-12 Finishing Backpack Project	15 MLK DAY of service! sign up online leadershiplb.org/mlk	16	17	18 6 pm Religious Education Committee	19	20
21 K-3 CORE Curriculum 4-12 Youth Group Heather Vickery preaches on trans rights	22	23	24	25	26	27 7 pm UUCLB Auction Childcare Available
28 K-3 CORE Curriculum 4-12 Youth Group Mozart Sunday with Mark Sullivan	29	30	31	