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### Lexington Men's Chorus "Tis the Season"-

The Lexington Men's Chorus Holiday Concert, "Tis the Season" is just what you need to get in the holiday spirit. Join them Dec 9th at 8pm or Dec 10th at 3pm at the Recital Hall of Singletary Center for the Arts as they present such favorites as "God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen," and "Ave Maria."

LMC will be joined by former Miss Kentucky Melina Cumberlidge and 5 piece orchestra for "O Holy Night" and "If We in Our Time.," a medley of "Joy to the World," "Deck the Halls," and "The First Noel." Tickets are \$12 adults, \$10 senior and student and are available at the Singletary Ticket Office 254-4929. Season Tickets are available at a 15% discount by calling Shelby at 231-0090.



*The Lexington Men's Chorus*

### Another Note

On Friday, December 15, at 8 pm Another Note, a men's ensemble, will present their Christmas Concert. The concert will benefit Movable Feast and will be held at Woodland Christian Church on the corner of Woodland and High. They are asking an \$8 donation at the door.

Another Note is a group of twelve men that have been singing together for four years. They give two concerts a year, to benefit charities. They are also available to sing for other events. They were a great addition to last June's Volunteer Awards Banquet. . Another Note is musical joy; hope you will join them in celebration of the season.

### Mother Jane at Woodsongs

On Monday evening, December 11 Lexington's own Mother Jane will be featured in the taping of the nationally syndicated radio program, Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour at the Kentucky Theater. Come show your support as Beth Burden and Lisa Raymond of Mother Jane are recorded and interviewed live!

Beth and Lisa have been playing original folk music together for only 1 1/2 years, but already are making their mark in the music scene. Mother Jane was named Ace Magazine's Best Undiscovered Band this year and can be heard regularly on several local radio stations. Come support them and enjoy what will be a memorable show! You must be seated by 6:45 pm. at the Kentucky Theater. Call 231-5555 for reservations - seating is limited!

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## GLSO On The Move

The GLSO Board and its committees have been working overtime during the last few months to develop plans for expansion, to write grants to help fund our vision, and to encourage more individuals to become involved in our work. This entire page is about our progress.

In mid November we had a visit from Rick Jung of the Gill Foundation. He made some good recommendations to us and gathered information for the Foundation's consideration of our grant request. We would like to thank all of you who were able to join us for dinner with Rick that evening. We appreciated the community support and we also had a great time together.

We will not know until mid January if we will be awarded that particular grant. We have learned from this visit and from other sources that granting agencies look closely at local fund raising efforts and expect us to demonstrate local support for our work. Accordingly, we are sending out a letter to GLSO members requesting donations for the Pride Center with this issue and hope some of you will be able to respond.

## GLSO Awarded Grant

GLSO has been presented with a grant from the Colin Higgins Foundation of San Francisco. The money will be used to support GLSO's mission "to improve the quality of life for GLBT people and their families" in central and eastern Kentucky. GLSO will be undertaking new efforts to increase outreach to youth, and to provide more information and services to GLBT persons in Eastern Ky.

A portion of the funds will also be used for the operation of the

Pride Center. Grant funding includes stipulations for matching funds to be generated in the community. Therefore, your continued financial support is crucial.

This marks a turning point for GLSO which has served the greater Lexington GLBT community since 1977. There will be many opportunities for involvement and support. We hope that you will follow and participate as GLSO moves into the 21st century.

## Pride Center Meeting

The Pride Center Committee will be meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Pride Center on Waller Avenue. This meeting will focus on the priorities that have been set for the future of the Pride Center and our continuing search for a new facility. This meeting is open to anyone interested in getting involved in the ongoing planning, administration, and programs of the Pride Center of the Bluegrass. We can use your time, energy, and ideas. For information contact the Committee Chair, Jane Minder at 389-7698 (evenings).

## GLBT Library

GLSO plans to establish a library at the new Pride Center. We will develop a collection that includes books, videos and other media, information and entertainment sources on GLBT subjects, and have full and open lending services to the community.

If you have books or other materials you would like to donate or you would like to become involved, please call Ginger at 389-7698. We are particularly looking for librarians and others with experience in the field.

# Community News

## **Christmas Benefit Show For Moveable Feast**

Tiffany & Co. invites everyone to Crossings on Wed., Dec. 13, for their Christmas Extravaganza Show benefiting Moveable Feast. Featured entertainers are: Tiffany Andrews, Jacqueline Parrish, Rayna Starr, Roxanne Cole, Miss Sheena, Sundae DeLaRouge, Latoya Bacall, Cheyanne and Randi Layne. Showtime is 10 p.m. and the cover is \$3.00. Crossings is located at 117 N. Limestone. Everyone come and enjoy some Christmas Cheer while helping others have a very Merry Christmas!

## **Interweave**

Interweave, the Unitarian Universalist GLBTA group will be having its monthly after church lunch on Sunday Dec. 10. We are planning to go out to a restaurant this time so join us at about 12:15 at church and we will go from there. For more information about Interweave contact Davina at 271-6174 or artemis427@yahoo.com.

## **Richard Armstrong's Toys for Kids**

Interweave and GLSO are again collecting presents for Richard Armstrong's Toys for Kids which provides some new toys for children in families dealing with AIDS. This project was started by E-Male when Richard was a member. Richard was also a member of the UU Church and we are continuing with the program. You can bring new toys to the Pride Center, to the UU Church, to

Movable Feast. You can also call Terry at Movable Feast (252-2867) for possible pick up. If we have the quantity of toys we expect, we will also donate some to the Hispanic Association which has a list of families rejected by the Toys for Tots program.

## **MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The Miss Merry Christmas Pageant sponsored by The Imperial Court of Kentucky will be held Tuesday Dec. 5, at Club 141, 141 W. Vine Street. This popular annual pageant will begin at 10 PM. Doors will open at 9. Samantha Storm, Miss Merry Christmas 1999, will crown the new titleholder.

Special guest entertainers will include Chelsea Pearl, Miss USA at Large 1995, Empress XV Cammie Dietrick, Imperial Princess Royal Rayna Starr, and Empress XIX Tracy Taylor.

Contestant applications are available from Stepen Foster or Jamie Hayre at Hair by Hayre Salon, Cammie Dietrick at the Bar Complex, or Larry Stanley at Club 141.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky is a 505(c)(3) charity and proceeds from this event will support their primary charity, Moveable Feast.

## **Imperial Court Benefit**

The Imperial Court of Kentucky in cooperation with Mia's Restaurant, 120 S. Upper Street, will host a "Food for Friends" Night and Celebrity Auction on Thurs., Dec. 14. Mia's will donate 30% of all food sales from 6 to 11 PM to the Imperial

Court. This event is part of the International Court System's "Food for Friends Mission." All funds raised from the dinners and the Celebrity Auction will go to Moveable Feast.

The Celebrity Auction items have been made available to the Imperial Court through the cooperation of Bret Cheuvrant, aka Niagara Falls and will include items donated by stars of Hollywood, Television, and Broadway. Come out and enjoy fine dining and help the Court support Moveable Feast.

## **World AIDS Day**

A service in remembrance and hope for World AIDS Day, will be held on Friday, December 1 at 5:30. Sponsored by Episcopal Diocese of Lexington AIDS Ministry and AVOL, this service will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard, 533 N. Main Street. A candlelight vigil will follow the worship service at Thoroughbred Park.

## **BOOKWORM SALE**

The Bookworm, Inc. cordially invites you and your guests to our Holiday sale to be held at Faith Metropolitan Community Church (formerly Lexington MCC), 385 Waller Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky, on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 to 4 p.m.

## **Social Concepts**

Christmas is coming and we are partying! This time at Sherry and Edith's, on Saturday, December 9th, 7 pm. The tree is decorated, and the tinsel is gleaming. We are going to

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### Community News Continued

celebrate the holiday season in style. Come with your Christmas spirit! BYO Beverages. Bring a guest. Call or email Ginger for directions, gg40504@hotmail.com or 389-7698.

#### Holiday Getaway

Do the holidays give you the blues? Are you bending under the stress of how not to be "too queer" around your family? Could you use a couple of hours of sanctuary? Why not consider coming to the GLSO Discussion/Support Group on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30?

We will be meeting every Wednesday in December except for the 27th. Meetings are held at 2216 Young Drive, Suite 1. Young Drive is located off New Circle between Richmond and Winchester Roads. Give yourself a break from the hub-bub. Be yourself for a couple of hours. The Group is there to support you, and you might even have a laugh or two. If you have questions or need directions call Jane at 389-7698 (evenings).

#### Moveable Feast,

Movable Feast always needs extra help over the Holidays.

Please give us a hand in December or early January. Delivering meals is our biggest area of need and it is easy; you come in at 5 pm and are through by 7pm (often earlier). You can get a specific route if you commit to a regular schedule. If you can drive a car you can change a life. Please give us a call 252-2867.

#### Wishing Chair

The December 3rd Carnegie Songwriter Series features local faves Mother Jane, Gregg Morris from Cincinnati and Molly Sloane. Open mic follows the show, any and all are welcome to perform. Sign-up begins at 7:30. This spring we're looking forward to hosting Lexington's own ambient music wizards, Spacecraft, and the original jazz group from Wilmore, League of Mercy...our first big band shows! Watch for the date...it'll be a great show.

We hope you'll keep us in mind for your holiday shopping. Music warms the heart as well as the ears. We've got a special holiday package, all 3 wishing chair CD's for \$25 or any one cd for \$10, offer good until Dec. 25. Check the website for details, www.terrakin.com.

There are some other December concerts that are close to Lex:

Dec 16 Appalshop Christmas Party, Whitesburg, KY (band)

Dec 23 Border's Books, Cincinnati, OH, 8-10 pm (5 piece) (child friendly)

#### SISTAHS IN THE LIFE

Sistahs in the Life is social support collective for Lesbians of African Descent. All black women ages 19 and older are welcome to join. The group is growing, why not join us. For more information call LeTonia 233-3751, or Joan 252-2657.

#### HUGS of the Bible

Dr. Lisa Davison, Assistant Professor at Lexington Theological Seminary, and Dotti Berry have organized a bible study group called HUGS of the Bible: Hearing, Understanding, and Growing through Study of the Bible. They welcome and affirm all God's Children including Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgender and Allied Persons.

They meet on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is not connected to the seminary. If you have questions call Lisa at her office at 252-0361, Ext. 257, or e-mail ldavison@lextheo.edu, or contact Dotti Berry at dotti.berry@mindspring.com, or mobile phone 489-4791.

#### WOMEN WRITERS CONFERENCE

Plans are under way for the 22nd annual Kentucky Women Writers Conference: "Claiming Identity Through Writing," four days of writing workshops, readings, and panel discussions to be held March 22-25, at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning. Call 254-4175 for more information or e-mail: kywwc@hotmail.com

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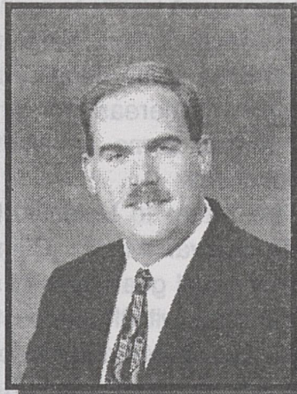
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*Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy - Lesbians?*  
by Kelly O'Ferrell

Join me as I take my mind out for a little walk. Sometimes it's just plain fun to make my mind think about things other than food, work, the house...

When I heard that Helen and Anne were together for 50 years - until Anne's death - my first thought was "I wonder if they were lesbians". Then, my vibration shifted and I knew that I had to decide what "lesbian" meant.

I remember when I was writing about "Me as a sexual being - alone". I had to define sexual and substituted the word 'passion' for the word sexual. I had the same experience when I wrote "Transgendered - Are You The Woman I Married". I had to define the word 'transgender'.

In both of these cases the definition began with Webster and was incorporated into my experiences.

So, once again, we begin our warmup exercises with Webster:

**Lesbian:** relating to homosexual relations between females

**Homosexual:** atypical sexuality characterized by manifestations of sexual desire toward a member of one's own sex

**Sexual:** related to the sphere of behavior associated with libidinal gratification

**Libidinal:** belonging to the libido

**Libido:** emotional or psychic energy that in psychoanalytical theory is derived from primitive biological urges and that is usually goal-oriented

**Urge:** to rouse from a dormant state or into life

*"We walked down the path to the*

*well-house...my teacher placed my hand under the spout. As the cool stream gushed over one hand she spelled into the other the word water...I stood still, my whole attention fixed upon the motions of her fingers. Suddenly I felt a misty consciousness as of something forgotten - a thrill of returning thought...That living word awakened my soul, gave it light, hope, joy, set it free!"* from The Story of My Life by Helen Keller

So, could the definition of lesbian be "an emotional or psychic energy that awakens the soul and is usually goal-oriented"? A bit broad? I fear I'm standing on the very cliff from which JoAnn Loulan was tossed upon her infamous cross[over].

Opening up the word lesbian to include any woman who has the ability - nay the courage - to experience intimacy with other women takes us (lesbians today) closer still to being more and nothing less. My relationship with Tammy truly is nothing more and nothing less than my friend Annie's relationship with Bob.

Many of my female friends are lesbians who are married to men. I seek, with these women, an emotional and psychic energy that will awaken my soul.

So, what's the difference between Tammy and me and Cathy and me? In both of these relationships I seek intimacy, passion, honesty, shared time in crises and joy, tears and laughter.

It cannot be that the thing that makes my relationship with Tam different from Cathy is genital or orgasmic experiences.

Maybe an answer is at the end of the open definition of lesbian - "and is usually goal-oriented". My

goal's with Tam became different than my goals with Cathy or Jean or any other woman or man. We mutually wanted the same things - the same goals. Whereas my other friends wanted some of what I sought but not all.

So, we return to Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy. Clearly one of their initial goals was to set Helen's mind free with the concept of language. And, at some point - perhaps spoken or unspoken - their mutual goal was to remain together, even through marriage and subsequent divorce (Anne's husband John Macy moved in with Helen and Anne).

They indeed embodied the very essence of the word lesbian.

Once our man-made system of laws catches back up and we cease to have to fight for equality, perhaps the word lesbian will no longer exist as to set us apart from.

Imagine when Tam and I will exist as no more and no less than; when there will be no heterosexual or homosexual.

Were Helen and Anne lesbians? Not today, but someday.

Well, we're back where we started our walk. I can really feel that stretch. It's not quite as much as I want it to be, but at least it's a start. I kept hearing the words of John Lennon's *Imagine* ... all the people, liv-ing in har-mony ...

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### Gospel Fest for A Living Wage

The Living Wage Campaign is an effort to educated people about the inadequacy of the minimum wage and to encourage the adoption of

There will be a concert by city workers to benefit the Lexington Living Wage Campaign on Saturday, December 2 from 11 am to 1 pm. Lunch will be served. Admission Free. We will pass the hat. The concert will be at the Swahili Elks Lodge, 1516 Colebury Circle, Lexington. For info contact Janet at (859) 873-976

### Amnesty International

On Dec. 7th UK Amnesty International will be hosting the 3rd Annual Celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UNDHR). Bluegrass Fairness will participate in this event at ArtsPlace. There will be music from the High Street Band, and presentations by Joel Pett and Nikky Finney.

The UNDHR has been the basis for a number of advances in GLBT rights around the world, particularly in Europe, under the provisions regarding privacy. Amnesty International remains at the forefront of efforts to stop the torture, forced hospitalization, jailing, and execution of LBGT individuals around the world. Their letter-writing campaigns have literally saved the lives of many people imprisoned for their ideas or their sexual orientation. Groups can set up tables. For info: Amy 381-9596

### The Lexington Network

This group meets once a month, on the 3rd Wed., 11:30 at the UK Boone Faculty Center for lunch and discussion. Cost is \$15 (non members) or \$12 (members) for a generous buffet. (Membership-\$25 a yr.)

On Wed. Dec. 20, Mark Johnson and Anna Edwards will be speaking on The Dynamics of Health Issues and Race. To reserve a place call Carolyne Slayton (255-2456) by Monday Dec. 18. Come try it out and support Mark!

The Network makes an effort to reach across differences that too often divide us. They had a program on Gay Rights last summer. You have to eat, right? Join us and get to know a variety of people, some of whom **need to know us**. For info call Mary Crone (266-5904) or Carolyn Slayton (255-2456).

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# MISS "MARY" CHRISTMAS

FROM THE  
IMPERIAL COURT

## TUESDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 5TH

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## Imperial Court News

During the month of November the Imperial Court of KY traveled to a "Far East" destination, Adornment V for the Royal Commonwealth Society, The Barony of Massachusetts. Upon arrival in Boston, participating members were greeted by a lavish Baronial manor complete with turrets and other Imperial embellishments. This host hotel was the Sheraton Braintree.

Among the group from The Imperial Court of KY were: Emperor XVIII of KY Kevin Phillips, Empress XVIII Eden Towers, Imperial Crown Prince XIX Christopher Rhorer, and Emperor XIX "EV" Donnie Royse.

On the evening of Adornment Baroness III and IV Daphne stepped down from her post in an evening of glitz, glamour and grace. Courts from all over the International court circuit

were in attendance. The evening was also graced by the presence of three Heir Apparents in the Line of Succession to Jose I, the Widow Norton, Founder of the International Court System. They were Empress Milo of Eugene, Or., Empress Panzi of NYC, and Empress Coco Lachine of NYC. In a command performance Empress Eden Towers dazzled the audience. Her beauty and grace heralded a strong KY presence to New England-"The Far East".

At the end of the evening Baron V Kevin Drake "Far East Kevin" and Baroness V Crystal Crawford "The Mystical Storm" were crowned to lead the vibrant Barony for the next year. The following morning at Victory brunch the new Baron and Baroness addressed their Barony and the International Court system. Each representative of KY was welcomed into the "Dragon Storm

Family" and received their titles at the brunch.

Over the Past year the Barony of MA has raised more than \$9,000 dollars to donate to the community in which they are part of. The Imperial Court of KY salutes The Royal Commonwealth Society on a fabulous event and a very successful year of fundraising. Congrats to Baroness Daphne on a successful Reign and Goodluck and lots of Love to the new duly elected Baron and Baroness of MA.

May the "Mystical Storm" flourish in the "Far East"!

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# Mia's

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## Her Name is Corene

By Reinette F. Jones

Dear Corene,

You are cordially invited to the annual frolic being held by the Secret Society of Sagitarius Sisters. The festivities will be at Jane's place this year and she sends you her love. We have all missed you and we look forward to seeing you again. As always, Kriss is not invited. We know that he gets a thrill from having strong women sailors toss him out the door, but this year the Society has entirely too much to do to entertain his shenanigans. If he would be so kind as to drop you off on his way back to the North Pole, then we will get you home no later than Valentine's Day. We would like for you to stay an extra week because this is a very special occasion for all of us and a mystic reverie is planned for the end of January.

It has been 100 years since Kriss pilfered one of our invitations and gave it to you as a prank gift. We were all very much in the closet then and so were you. Few people even knew that you existed. Katharine Lee Bates did a fabulous job of introducing you to the public in her 1899 book, *Santa Claus on a Sleigh Ride*. Most people only remember her as the author of the song *America the Beautiful*.

But you have not forgotten her; remember how you thought that Kriss had put two and two together when he found out that Katharine Lee Bates and Katharine Coman were a couple. Then he gave you the Society invitation thinking that he would shock you with proof of an entire village of women like them. He had no idea that you would hitch-up

the reindeer and head down to Wagamuphn, Kentucky for a month.

Our celebrations have not been the same since you first joined us. We are grateful that you continue to return each year, your presence adds alchemy to our spirit. Please bring more of the red and silver time elixir; the last of our supply will be used during the commemoration this year.

We will hold the welcoming ceremony down by the brook where Kriss usually drops you off. Would you do us all a favor and remind him to keep those long horned critters away from the rooftops on his way out. Those animals leave an awful mess behind, especially when he is silly enough to feed them chili. It is truly amazing what that man finds to be funny these days.

You might also remind him that the standard fare is milk and cookies for Santa Claus; the Smith's are still mad because he helped himself to their Christmas dinner and spirits last year. What has gotten into him these past few years? He has not been so out of character since the early 1900s when he was stricken with that klepto problem. Whew, you had a time convincing us that Santa Claus had turned into a five finger discount artist. Glad that is over, but it seems that he has redeveloped another habit.

Remember two years ago when he parked his sleigh outside of Big Daddy's Place and left those anatomically correct busty babes in the backseat? The Society had only asked him for two small figurines for the mantel, but what did he do? He had the elves sculpt a statuette made of scintillating blue steel, showing two women on their sides embracing one another, and there

was a rather personal engraving along each outer thigh. Small upright figurines and a glint-tossing statuette is not the same thing. Granted, the five elf sisters outdid themselves and it is a beautiful piece of art. We are glad to have it. But was it necessary for Kriss to bring the statuette thousands of miles across the sky, only to leave it unattended on the street while he grabbed a snack and a snort at Big Daddy's Place. There is no telling who might have passed by, read the inscriptions, then discovered the Secret Society. We are grateful that you called Jane to bring the SUV. Is Kriss off the wagon again?

We can make the deliveries if Kriss is back on the sauce or if he needs some time off. The holiday season can be a highly emotional time, even for Santa Claus.

The Society has helped you before and we will do it again whenever necessary. We did not do too bad of a job delivering gifts in 1902, 1905, 1933, 1958, 1975, and 1992. Everyone needs help every now and then, and that includes you.

It is understandable that it takes a team and eleven months of toil in preparation for the big night, but it is high time that Kriss shared the credit with you and the elves for bringing good cheer to children all over the world.

Seventeen hundred years is plenty of time for him to be familiar with things like diversity, labor laws, and feminist theory. Frankly, we are a little tired of his phony phobias from eons ago when there was a ban by the Puritans or the century that he allowed the racial term be used to refer to his African American helper.

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Corene, we love you and we do not aim to interfere in your life, but the Sagitarii Sisters are probably the only ones who know your first name and the elves names. Katharine Bates is no longer with us and no one has written anything positive about you in a long time. Our public relations office is still willing to take you on. Of course, that will have to be later in the spring after we have taken care of a few problems.

Speaking of which, the five elf sisters and their spatulas have been expelled from the Society and they will be returning with you next year. We will discuss this more after you arrive. You are a strong woman Corene and we are always at your beck and call. We look forward to your visit.

Sincerely,

Secret Society of Sagitarii Sisters

### **MCC STEPPING OUT ON FAITH**

In November, Lexington's MCC officially adopted a new name- one that symbolizes its vision and hopes for the future. Now called Faith Metropolitan Community Church, the church family looks ahead to a new year filled with promise. Faith MCC exists to spread the Good News of God's all-inclusive love. The church family believes that "God so loved the world." That means, God's love for each individual is not only unconditional but eternal. Worship experience expresses the desire that every person seeking God find an avenue to express their beliefs. Faith MCC celebrates God's love for every one of us and does not exclude anyone because of their gender, race, age, physical challenges, socio-economic status, or

sexual orientation.

After celebrating Veteran's Day and a worship service of Thanksgiving, Faith MCC looks toward to joining with all of Lexington in a commemoration of World AIDS Day.

As December beckons each of us, Advent candles can't be far away. Advent is a special season when we assert the bold assertion that God came near, right down to this earth, to be among us. In Jesus, the Christ, we have Immanuel, God with us. Our mood during Advent is one of excitement, anticipation, and joyful preparation of Christmas. During this season, MCC churches light Advent candles. On the first Sunday of Advent, the Prophets' Candle burns brightly in honor of ancient and modern prophets.

The second candle, called the Bethlehem candle, honors the traditional birthplace of Jesus. The Shepherds' Candle is offered in honor of the shepherds whose love and care for their sheep become the example of God's love for us. We remember the shepherds who were the first witnesses of our Savior's birth. The fourth candle is the Angels' candle. It is offered in honor of the angels who told the good news to the shepherds and all angels who continue to proclaim the good news of joy.

On Christmas Eve, the Christ candle reminds us that Christ is the center of our lives. At Faith MCC, this is Christmas; not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ.

Faith MCC also embraces the celebration of Kwanzaa, based on

the Swahili word kwanza, "first," as in "first fruits." MCC affirms the traditional principles of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. We invite you to our annual Kwanzaa worship service on Sunday, Dec. 31. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. at 385 Waller Avenue, located by Imperial Plaza. For information, call (859) 255-4016.

### **News & Events from Progressive Groups**

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#### **Council for Peace and Justice**

The Central KY Council for Peace & Justice meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1504 Bryan Ave. All are welcome. We now have a website: [www.peaceand-justiceky.org](http://www.peaceand-justiceky.org). Our thanks to Candice Watson whose hard work has made the website a reality.

Use this site for information about the CKCPJ (how to join, meeting dates, agendas) calendars of meetings & events, a list of member organizations, links to the websites of member organizations, links to Bluegrass, Kentucky, and national peace and justice organizations, and much more.

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Peace and Justice Dinner which will be held this year on Saturday, Feb 17 at 5 pm. The speaker will be Lois Combs Weinberg. There will be time and space for many organizations to set up tables before dinner. Call Teresa Issac (971-8067) for information. GLSO and Fairness have taken this opportunity to network in the past, and we encourage representation from other groups.

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