

WHO WE ARE

We are a fellowship of Unitarian Universalists who meet to express our individual beliefs and religious convictions. We belong to the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and are members of the UUA's Prairie Star District.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Unitarian-Universalist Association has no creed, prophet, or sacred book, but we agree on seven principles:

- ✧ *the inherent worth 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.*

MEMBERSHIP

If you are not now a member of our Fellowship, we hope you will consider joining us. To become a member of UUFM, you must be 16 years of age or older, and signify your commitment to the principles of Unitarian Universalism by signing the Membership Book.

It is understood that members support their Fellowship through attendance, service, and/or financial support.

The Membership Book will be available at every service.

Ask **Shirley Hobrock**, our Social and Membership co-chair, at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Reverend Michael Nelson to learn more about membership.

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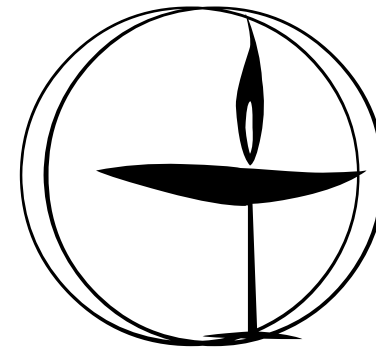
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Listen to Sunday services and learn more about UUFM at www.uufm.net

Welcome to

THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF MANHATTAN

December 18, 2011



*May we be worthy of the young lives in our world.
May we build community, in which they will grow in beauty,
be embraced by ample love, and inspired to seek liberating truth.*

UUFM MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to be an evolving religious community where reason and intuition guide our personal journeys of spiritual and moral growth, that call each of us to act for a better world.



UUFM is a Welcoming Congregation

The UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

of Manhattan, Kansas

Sunday, December 18, 2011

OPENING WORDS

WELCOMING

LIGHTING the CHALICE

Jingle Bells, Clara Mayfield-Ferguson, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #361 "Enter, Rejoice and Come In"

PASTORAL CARE

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Away in a Manger," Jennifer Bryan, violin

DEDICATION and CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

of *Ellie Hacker, Jocelyn Fowler, and Owen and Sloane Zeller*

CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION "Give a Gift of Cheer," w/Cory Zeller

Children Leave for Religious Education

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.

May the spirit of love surround you

Everywhere, everywhere, you may go. (Hymn #413)

OFFERTORY

"Once in Royal David's City," Jennifer Bryan, violin

SERMON

"What Do We Give Ourselves TO? Why?"

Reverend Michael Nelson

SHARING

CLOSING HYMN #225 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CLOSING WORDS

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "Dedication that honors all aspects of living brings richness and meaning to our individual and shared lives. Unitarian Universalists have dedicated themselves to bringing goodness into the world for centuries. Let us carry on this tradition with intelligence and a heart willing to be filled."

GREETING AND REFRESHMENTS

This morning, **HARRIETTE JANKE, TOM PHILLIPS, STACEY BROUGHMAN,** and **RUTH FRIEDMANN** greet visitors and provide snacks and beverages following the service. *Please join us for coffee and conversation.* Learn more about coffee and greeting teams from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All of the kids, nursery through 6th grade, will be learning about and celebrating Christmas this morning. Through stories, activities, treats, and fun with our room grandparents, we'll embrace the joy of the season!

Learn more about youth Religious Education at UUFM from Director of Religious Education Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **MEN'S LUNCH** meets *every Wednesday*, at 12 noon, in the large RE classroom. Learn more from Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu

Join us for a Fellowship tradition

on Saturday, **December 24**, at 7 pm

in the Main Sanctuary

as Rev Michael Nelson leads a



Christmas Eve Service

"Let us make each birth holy. Come celebrate with family and friends the wonder of love that finds the lost, heals the broken, and feeds the hungry ... Let us sing and share stories that brings the light of joy, so that we perceive the gift of connection to all life."

Invite your family and guests, and come out for a warm evening in the company of friends.

Learn more from Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

The pleasure of your presence is requested
on Saturday, **JANUARY 14**, at **5:30 pm**,

for UUFM's annual

WINTER DINNER

benefiting the Fellowship's General Operations Fun

This year's family-centered theme is a **CHILI TASTING**.

Sample a wide variety of succulent recipes
created by Fellowship members and friends,
including white, red, vegetarian, and gluten free options,
with cornbread, salad, beverages, and dessert.

Learn more from Tom Phillips, 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu,
or Abigail Conrad, 537-0176 or aconrad@ksu.edu

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ kids 6-12 (\$2) \_\_\_\_\_ kids under 6 (free) \_\_\_\_\_

# of adults who will drink wine? \_\_\_\_\_ beer? \_\_\_\_\_ Food allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return reservations by **January 8** to Tom Phillips or Abigail Conrad



Child Dedication Ceremony

During this morning's service, Rev Michael Nelson performs a child dedication ceremony. Join us in offering congregational blessings to *Jocelyn Fowler*, daughter of Aimee Fowler, *Ellie Hacker*, granddaughter of Barbara Hacker, and *Owen and Sloane Zeller*, children of Cory and Sam Zeller.

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## Guest at Your Table

During December, the children will participate in the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's *Guest at Your Table* program. In November, they received a box, representing the "guest." At every family meal, donate the amount that meal costs per person to the "guest" (box). On Sunday, December 25, the boxes will be collected and the contents will be donated to four different people/organizations in need. The children have been asked to encourage other Fellowship members to participate. If your child(ren)'s box did not make it home, please ask Cory Zeller. Thank you for your support of this important program!

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Required OWL Orientation

Please mark your calendars. If your child(ren) will join in Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes this winter, you and your OWL student(s) must attend a mandatory orientation class on Saturday, **January 7**, from **1 to 4 pm** at the Fellowship. Classes meet following Sunday programs from 1 to 2 pm, beginning on Sunday, January 8.



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## Respect for our Shared Space

The Fellowship should feel like a second home to our kids, and we're asking parents and Fellowship adults to help children learn about respect for others in our shared Fellowship home. We need to pick up after ourselves, as much as we are able.

Please remember to put all toys and art supplies away. Food, drinks, and dirty dishes should be returned to the kitchen. *Let's all make this a beautiful and welcoming home for everyone!!!*

Learn more from Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net