



## OCTOBER 2008 PROGRAMS

### OCTOBER 5 "A JOURNEY OF PASSION AND REASON"

Reverend Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus of the First Unitarian Church of Omaha, will describe the 55-year path from his first sermon--"Why I Am a Christian"--to a much different place today. Contact/convener is *Dan Swenson* at 537-4733 or swenson@ksu.edu

### OCTOBER 12 "THE ART OF SEEING AND BEING: JUDY'S POINT OF VIEW"

Local artist Judy Love--who taught art from 1966 until 1995 and occasionally since then for recreation--offers her spirited understanding of the artist's journey, which, like the Flint Hills horizon, has no end. Contact/convener is *Michael Nelson* at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

### OCTOBER 19 "IS REASON ALWAYS NECESSARY FOR BELIEF?"

Rev Michael Nelson and Fellowship member Scott Tanona, who teaches philosophy of science and religion, will explore different ways we approach the unknown and how our beliefs about ourselves in the universe evolve. *Michael* may be contacted at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

Following the service at 12:15 pm, discussion of this widely ranging topic will continue.

### OCTOBER 26 "THE DAY OF THE DEAD"

Reverend Michael Nelson explores this tradition with help from our children. We will celebrate this hallowed time through tricks and treats and by honoring those people we continue to love who are no longer living. Contact *Michael* at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
begin at **10:45 AM**  
at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD**

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### CREATIVE CONFLICT WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive Creative Conflict workshop Saturday, **NOVEMBER 1**, from 1 to 4 pm, at the Fellowship. Workshop participants will gain tools to deal with community conflict in a calm, creative, consensus-oriented way, and learn to allow opponents to become friends.

Workshop facilitator Rev Thea Nietfeld studies, practices, and teaches Gandhian nonviolence, peaceful communication, and restorative justice. She has served as minister of the UU Congregation of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, since 2001.



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The redbud, last week a mottled green, now shines yellow. Dry, brown leaves line the drive. The common



sunflower withers and no longer shows its cheery face. The song "Autumn Leaves," that I played when I was in a distant mood as a child, lifts as a leaf whirled by the breath of wind in my mind. Its melody touched a place inside that needed touch-

ing. Its haunted air brought meaning to my growing understanding of what it meant to be human. My piano teacher, Bruno Micheletti, lead a band that played in nightclubs. He was a master of chords and creating new arrangements of standard pieces from the 40's, 50's and 60's. He taught piano to supplement his income. We met in what in most houses would have been a bedroom. A black grand piano dominated. The drapes were drawn and the only light turned on lit the music and the keys.

In this dramatic darkness he taught from his repertoire. I wanted to play classical music. He wanted me to learn chord progressions so that I could play a song in a multiple mix of keys. He did let me play "Fur Elise" at my first recital at North Park College in Chicago. My sisters played "Over the Rainbow" arranged for two pianists. When it was apparent that he would not teach me classical music, I told my mother I was quitting. She phoned Bruno. He said, "Don't let him quit." She repeated her refrain, "You will regret this when your older!" I did not want to play "Tenderly" seventeen different ways. I wanted Bach, Mozart and Tchaikovsky.

I continued with the clarinet until my senior year in high school. We did not have an orchestra. We had a band and I detested the wool uniforms (inferno suits) and the plumed hats with straps that dug into the chin. I was embarrassed and did not want to be seen marching in silly patterns. My friends long ago rid themselves of this indignity. They were on the football team. I knew mother would not let me quit without a fight. When I made my claim, she called Mr Mortenson, the music teacher. He said that I should take lessons to motivate me. So I began studying with the first clarinetist from the Chicago

Symphony Orchestra. I liked him. I sensed the possibility of a world I'd been longing for, but I was a stubborn teenager and refused to be drawn in.

The decision to quit taking piano lessons I regret. At 13, I wanted the freedom to hangout with my friends or to read. I didn't want to come in a half hour before dinner every night to practice a show tune. My grandfather, Einar, died the year I quit. After the funeral I found myself home alone. I immediately went to the piano and played "Born Free" over and over imagining the lions free to be wild. My emotions, dark and full, had found expression and release. I can't think of or hear that song without remembering grandfather--each note a tribute to this big, independent, domineering Swede with a fine mind and a heart bigger than anyone imagined.

In the end, in some instances, its not freedom we need. Mothers are sometimes right. I wish I was better at chord changes and am now looking for an oboe ...

Find joy in the sweet brilliance of this month,

*Michael*

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### **Michael Nelson's Schedule**

This month, Reverend Michael Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Tuesday,	September 30	- 5 to 7 pm
Thursday,	October 9	- 5 to 7 pm
Wednesday,	October 15	- 3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	October 16	- 4 to 7 pm
Tuesday,	October 21	- 4:30 to 6:30 pm
Wednesday,	October 22	- 12 to 2 pm
Wednesday,	October 29	- 3 to 5 pm

October 4 through October 8, Michael will attend the Prairie Star District Ministers' Retreat.

During office hours, call Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. Meetings may be arranged at times other than posted office hours. Contact Michael at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net to make arrangements.

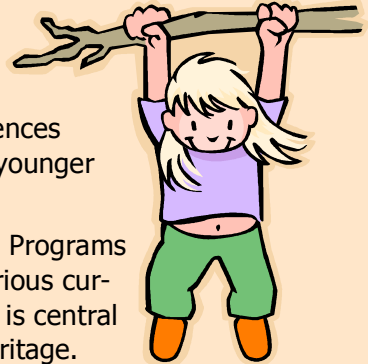
## THIS YEAR IN RE ...

The Fellowship offers organized Sunday morning religious education experiences for students from preschool through high school. Childcare is available for younger children.



This year's theme is "Exploring our Judeo-Christian Heritage." Programs for all grades--pre-school through senior high--draw from various curricula and introduce our children to religious literature that is central to North American culture and to Unitarian Universalist heritage.

Children will become familiar with their cultural heritage, and the human issues that inspired these scriptures: the timeless themes of transcendent power, human responsibility, love of freedom, speaking out against injustice, respect for the beliefs of others, love of one's neighbor, and forgiveness.



To learn more about Youth Religious Education at UUFM, can contribute to our youth activities, please contact RE *Sandy Nelson* at 341-0135 or [SandraLouNelson@yahoo.com](mailto:SandraLouNelson@yahoo.com)



and to learn how you  
Committee chair

## SPECIAL RE FUNDING

A Special RE fund was started in May to help cover some of the costs of hiring our new RE Director (DRE). Memorial contributions and other donations have been made, and we continue to work toward our set goal of \$20,000. THANK YOU to everyone who has offered their effort, support, and financial contributions to this important milestone in our Fellowship's growth! Learn more about contributing to the Special RE Fund from UUFM bookkeeper *Kathleen Oldfather* at 537-3738 or [koldfather@yahoo.com](mailto:koldfather@yahoo.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Middle School and High School age students (grades 6 thru 12) are in the process of developing a youth group and are looking for *a few adult advisors*. Interested? Contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or [SandraLouNelson@yahoo.com](mailto:SandraLouNelson@yahoo.com)

## RE Class Leaders and Scheduling

Molly McGaughey and Emily Ross lead the Pre-Kindergarten class. This class begins at 10:45 am, skipping the beginning of the main service.

Carolyn Ferguson and Kim Belanger are leading the Kindergarten thru 2nd grade class. Larry Weaver and Sandy Nelson are leading the 3rd thru 5th grade class and the 6th thru 8th grade class. These classes begin in the main sanctuary with adult members, and generally leave after the story for all ages.

Our 9th thru 12th grade students are encouraged to attend the main program in its entirety.

## YOUTH CHOIR

The UUFM Youth Choir, directed by Sarah Nuss-Warren, generally rehearses before the morning service on the first and third Sundays of each month. This month, rehearsal is scheduled on only one Sunday, **OCTOBER 19**, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary) at 10:15 am. All children and youth are invited to join in our song. Contact *Sarah* at 537-3586 or [nusswarr@gmail.com](mailto:nusswarr@gmail.com) to learn more.



MEMBERS OF THE UUFM YOUTH CHOIR

## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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The **MEN'S LUNCH** meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). Bring a desire for stimulating conversation and a sack lunch for yourself. Contact Charley Kempthorne at 564-1118 or charley@thelifestoryinstitute.com, or Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP** meets Wednesday, OCTOBER 8, at 12 noon, at Aroy Thai Cuisine, 3003 Anderson Avenue, on the east side of the Village Plaza shopping center. All interested Fellowship members, friends, and their guests are invited! Contact Florence Schwab at 539-0976 or fschwab@cox.net, to learn more.

Come meet new UUs at the **PSD SOUTHERN CLUSTER RETREAT**, from Friday, October 10, thru Sunday, October 12, at White Memorial Campground, overlooking beautiful Council Grove Lake, 20 miles south of Manhattan. Supervised children's activities, workshops, more ... Find more detailed information and learn how to register on page 8 of this newsletter.

The **UU DRUM CIRCLE** meets on Friday, OCTOBER 10, at 7 pm, around the fire pit. In case of inclement weather, the circle gathers in the Fellowship's new sanctuary. Members, friends and guests of all ages are invited to bring their drums and other rhythm instruments and drum with us. A wide assortment of drumming instruments is available for everyone. We will continue to take time for honoring the special instruments that people bring with the smudging of sage. We encourage everyone to bring Native American, African, and other cultural drums and drumming songs to share with the circle. We also like to move around in dance, as it feels right to do so. Everyone has a good time and we hope you can make it. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The **ADULT DISCUSSION** forum meets Sunday, OCTOBER 12 and OCTOBER 26, at 9:30 am, in the large RE room. All are welcome to join in the lively and varied discussion.

**MEDITATION** practice meets this month on Thursday, OCTOBER 16, from 5:30 to 6 pm, before our regular Third Thursday Supper. Come breathe after a long day, and then join us for a meal and conversation. Learn more from Michael Nelson at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

Join us for **THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER** on OCTOBER 16, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). You may bring food to share, but it's not required. Bring your smile, family, friends, and guests, and let Rev Michael Nelson and fellowship administrator Susan Turner take care of dinner! Contact Susan at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

The **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on Wednesday, OCTOBER 29, at 7 pm, at the home of Harriette and Allen Janke. Our title this month is, *The Inextinguishable Symphony*, by Martin Goldsmith. The book is available by a book kit. New members are always welcome. Learn more, and find out how to get your copy, from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net



### **SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CREATIVITY**

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The UUFM Aesthetics Committee seeks members and friends who would like to share their interests and creativity in a variety of ways.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Consider contributing arrangements of flowers and/or other natural materials for a Sunday service. Sign up on the list in the kitchen or contact an Aesthetics Committee member.

**EXHIBITIONS:** We are looking for works by members and friends to exhibit in the narthex and hall. We will try to have several different shows in a year, one of photography and another for painting, drawing, etc. Contact one of the committee members if interested.

**SHARE, LEARN, GROW:** Volunteer to share an important event in your life, a trip, a biographical summary, activity or hobby, favorite poet, author, or any interest or expertise. Just mount photos, etc, on foam core boards to hang in the old sanctuary. See committee members for help or ideas.

Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net, Anne Marchin at 539-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com, Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@sbcglobal.net, or Monta Manney at 537-0624.

### **UUFM SINGERS**

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The Choir rehearses from 9:30 to 10:30 am on the first and third Sunday of each month, in the new sanctuary. This month we'll meet on **OCTOBER 5 and 19**. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

# SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

## VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS** on Friday, OCTOBER 3, OCTOBER 17, and OCTOBER 31, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** The meal is free and all are invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Of course, your donations are welcome. Contact Anne Marchin at 539-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com

**GREETERS** share a smile as folks arrive on Sunday morning, encourage visitors to sign our guest book, answer questions, and help to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at UUFM. Contact Welcoming Committee co-chairs Mary Westfall at 539-5397 or westyks@hotmail.com, or Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cjhedgewriter@yahoo.ca

Host Sunday Coffee Hour. **REFRESHMENT PROVIDERS** are needed each week for the post service coffee time. Volunteers make coffee, provide a light snack of no more than two or three food items, and take care of the necessary clean up from the coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the kitchen, or ask or Gwen Geiselman at 776-4505, or Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com, to learn more.

Fellowship volunteers periodically deliver government food commodities to individuals unable to pick them up from **FLINT-HILLS BREADBASKET**. If you can share two hours of your time during an upcoming delivery, it would make a world of difference to someone. For more information, contact Pat Weisenburger at 539-4711 or patw@ksu.edu

The Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice (MAPJ) continues weekly **ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS** on Wednesday afternoons, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, in Triangle Park, at the corner of Bluemont and Manhattan Avenue, in Aggieville. Please contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne\_cowan@sbcglobal.net to learn more.

## HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

On OCTOBER 12, our Helping Hands Sunday beneficiary will be the **CHAPMAN, KANSAS, SCHOOLS** (USD #475). On June 11, 2008, a tornado destroyed most of the city of Chapman, just a short drive west of Manhattan. The Education Center, the elementary school, the middle school, and the high school were destroyed. Amazingly, school opened on time this fall in several temporary facilities. They need our help as they continue on the difficult road to full recovery.

*On September 14, our congregation raised \$410 for the Manhattan Emergency Shelter!* All cash contributions and checks placed in the offering basket on the second Sunday of the month will go to the Helping Hands Sunday beneficiary, and should be made out to UUFM. Write "UUFM" in the memo line if you wish your contribution to benefit the Fellowship. Learn more from our Helping Hands Sunday coordinator Yvonne Lacy at 539-4404 or yvcq67lacy@sbcglobal.net

## EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CFLS

Fair Trade products are offered for purchase at the Fellowship following Sunday programs. Regular, decaf, whole bean, and ground coffees, as well as chocolate, and tea are available. Special orders can be taken. To learn more, or to purchase Fair Trade products, please contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne\_cowan@sbcglobal.net or ask her on Sunday mornings. More information is available at [www.equalexchange.com](http://www.equalexchange.com)



Anne also coordinates the sale of COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS (CFLs) on Sunday mornings, in support of the Fellowship's efforts to encourage green living.

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

**PROJECTPLANTS** is a Kansas State University Research and Extension project offering children hands-on experience growing and eating fresh fruits and vegetables. Gardeners work with after-school garden clubs established at one of four area elementary schools, guiding students as they maintain winter gardens, and assisting with club activities and special events. Volunteers will be placed in roles that match their interests, and availability. Brochures and mail-in volunteer forms are available on the information table in the Fellowship narthex.

Janie Stein and Martin Bates, our guest speakers on September 14, invite UUFM members and friends, and our guests to **THE HEARTLAND SPEAKS**, a peacemaking conference, which will be held at the Quality Inn Suites, 2110 W Crawford, in Salina, on Monday, OCTOBER 13 thru Wednesday, OCTOBER 15. Non-violence training, presenters, and workshops will be offered. Quality Inn offers a discounted room rate to conference participants. Learn more and register at [www.salinapeace.org](http://www.salinapeace.org)

## WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

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Dear Fellowship Members and Friends,



September was an unusually busy month. Among other things, I attended meetings of the Program, Finance, Communications, and Long Range Planning Committees, planned the Board Meeting, and went to the PSD Fall Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. What

enriching experiences, and what wonderful, dedicated Fellowship members to work with!

But before getting into all that, the most exciting event of the month of September was that, after great collaboration among the DRE search committee under the leadership of Carolyn Ferguson, we were able to extend an offer to a potential DRE just a few days ago. Our offer was accepted and now the hiring process has to take its course. In order to protect the privacy of our applicant, we will reveal the name only after all formalities have been processed. As soon as that is the case, we will announce the name of our new DRE via the list serve, a Sunday program, and word-of-mouth.

Eric Banner, Mark Mayfield, Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson, and I went to the PSD Fall Leadership Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. The conference took place at the beautiful premises of the first Unitarian Church there. Eric attended the Leadership Skills, Mark the Treasurers, Jo the Membership, and I the Presidents track. All of us profited greatly from the interaction with volunteers from other fellowships, and from the presentations and discussions in small, specialized groups. We will strive to put the ideas we brought back into good use for UUFM.

During the monthly Board meeting, we started discussing the pros and cons of a possible consolidation of the three committees that have the overall well-being of all our members at heart: Caring, Social, and Membership and Welcoming. Many congregations of our size and larger bring these committees together

under one umbrella to facilitate caring for the needs of all members. We are in the discussion stages of such a transition and welcome input not only from the committees but also from all members of the congregation.

*Elke Lorenz*

UUFM Executive Board Chair

Contact Elke at 539-3527 or [ellorenz@uufm.net](mailto:ellorenz@uufm.net)

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board meets on Thursday, OCTOBER 9, at 7 pm in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). Members and friends of the Fellowship are welcome and encouraged to attend. To learn more, contact Executive Board Chair Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or [ellorenz@uufm.net](mailto:ellorenz@uufm.net)

### CREATIVE CONFLICT WORKSHOP

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Election rhetoric--our current model for civic conflict--can be dishonest and destructive, bombastic, and barbarous. Let's practice an alternative: calm, creative, consensus-oriented conflict ... in which our opponent becomes our friend.

Plan now to participate in an interactive Creative Conflict workshop on Saturday, **NOVEMBER 1**, from 1 to 4 pm, at the Fellowship, and join us for our morning service with this theme on Sunday, November 2.

Rev Thea Nietfeld--facilitator of the workshop on November 1, and our guest speaker on the following Sunday--studies, practices, and teaches Gandhian non-violence, peaceful communication, and restorative justice. She has served as parish minister of the UU Congregation at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, since 2001, and will shift to peacemaking community ministry in January 2009.

Learn more from Michael Nelson at (913) 961-2626 or [minister@uufm.net](mailto:minister@uufm.net)



### SUNDAY COFFEE PROVIDERS

October 5: Evelyn and Les Frazier  
 October 12: Mary Westfall  
 October 19: Brice and Shirley Hobrock  
 October 26: Florence Schwab / Don McKee

THANK YOU to our coffee hosts! Volunteers make coffee, serve a simple snack, and clean up afterwards. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com, or Gwen Geiselman at 776-4505.

### COFFEE HOUR CHANGES

We are **ENCOURAGING HOSTS TO CUT BACK** to no more than two or three simple food items on Sunday mornings.

### Administrator's Schedule

In October, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Thursday, Oct 2 - 12 to 5 pm  
 Monday, Oct 6 - 3 to 5 pm  
 Tuesday, Oct 7 - 12 to 5 pm  
 Thursday, Oct 9 - 4 to 7 pm  
 Monday, Oct 13 - 3 to 5 pm  
 Tuesday, Oct 14 - 12 to 5 pm  
 Thursday, Oct 16 - 4 to 9 pm  
 Thursday, Oct 23 - 12 to 5 pm  
 Saturday, Oct 25 - 11 am to 6 pm  
 Monday, Oct 27 - 3 to 5 pm  
 Tuesday, Oct 28 - 12 to 5 pm  
 Thursday, Oct 30 - 12 to 5 pm

Call Sue at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at any time by email at office@uufm.net

### SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

Oct 5: Yvonne Lacy  
 Oct 12: *Volunteers needed*  
 Oct 19: *Volunteers needed*  
 Oct 26: *Volunteers needed*

Greeters are vital to creating a welcoming atmosphere. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED THIS MONTH! An easy way to support the Fellowship, when you only have an hour to give. Learn more from Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cathyhedge@usd475.org

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net to **UPDATE YOUR MAILING, PHONE, or EMAIL** information, or to cancel your subscription to this newsletter. Members and friends may also reach Susan during her posted office hours (*seen at center left*) at 537-2349.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, please contact our Welcoming and Membership Committee co-chairs, Mary Westfall at 539-5397 or westyks@hotmail.com, or Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cjhedgewriter@yahoo.ca, for information and assistance.

Fellowship members may receive the UUA magazine **UU WORLD**, without cost. Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net. UU World may be viewed online at [www.uuworld.org](http://www.uuworld.org)

Join in email discussions of interest to Fellowship members and friends on our **EMAIL LIST SERV**. List serv members may choose to receive each message individually; as one daily "digest;" or check messages by logging into our list serv web site. Contact list serv moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

UUFM bookkeeper Kathleen Oldfather announces **ELECTRONIC PAYMENT** of your pledge contributions is now available. If you wish, pledge installments can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. There is no cost for this service. Ask Kathleen at 537-3738 or koldfather@yahoo.com, or pick up literature and a payment form on the info table in our narthex.

### SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MORNING** with announcements and events for inclusion in the Sunday morning Order of Service bulletin. Remember to check the bulletin each week for important announcements of upcoming activities and events.

### CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you could use a hand, or if you know members or friends who are experiencing life challenges, and would appreciate assistance, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact Caring Committee co-chairs Yvonne Lacy at 539-4404 or yvcq67lacy@sbcglobal.net, or Barbara Hacker at 587-8002.

### BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available before finalizing plans for committee meetings, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be held in the Fellowship building. To confirm building availability and schedule your activity, or for more information, contact Sue at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the November newsletter is Wednesday, **OCTOBER 15**. Please send news, meetings, announcements, and events to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

# OF INTEREST TO UUS

## Regional Events

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### SOUTHERN CLUSTER FALL RETREAT 2008

Come join other UUs from the southern part of the Prairie Star District, Friday thru Sunday, OCTOBER 10 thru 12, 2008, to build old friendships and create new ones. Enjoy the tall grass prairie on Council Grove Lake at White Memorial Camp, 35 miles south of Manhattan. This is a family friendly weekend with supervised children's activities and workshops focusing on growing the UU movement in the heartland. Visit [www.uufm.net](http://www.uufm.net) and click on "Announcements" to find links to an informational flyer, a mail-in registration form, and on-line registration ([www.uufm.net/index.php?pr=Announcements](http://www.uufm.net/index.php?pr=Announcements)), or pick up a registration form from the information table in the Fellowship's narthex.



UUFM STUDENTS MAKE NEW FRIENDS AT THE 2007 PSD SOUTHERN CLUSTER RETREAT

## National Events

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*The following events are posted on the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations website ([www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)). Find links to additional details as well as registration information at [www.uua.org/events](http://www.uua.org/events)*

### YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRY TRAINING

October 9 - October 12  
Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing  
Titusville, New Jersey  
Open to: Lay and Professional Leaders  
Sponsor: UUA Office of Young Adult Ministries  
Contact: Hallie Andrew, [handrew@uua.org](mailto:handrew@uua.org)

### NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

October 11  
Anytown, Anywhere  
Open to: Public, free  
Sponsor: Human Rights Campaign  
Contact: UUA Office of BGLT Concerns, [obgltc@uua.org](mailto:obgltc@uua.org)

### WOMEN & MEN CONFERENCE

October 15 - October 17  
Mt Bethel Missionary Baptist Church  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Open to: Religious Educators, *registration required*  
Sponsor: Mt Bethel Missionary Baptist Church  
Contact: Toya Turney, [tturney@nespower.com](mailto:tturney@nespower.com)  
Registration deadline: October 2, 2008

### JUBILEE TWO ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP

October 19  
West Shore UU Church  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Open to: Lay and Professional Leaders  
Sponsor: West Shore UU Church  
Contact: Rev Wayne Arneson, [bergthor@aol.com](mailto:bergthor@aol.com)

### TRANSFORMING OUR WHITENESS

October 24  
First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Open to: Public, *registration required*  
Sponsor: JPD Journey Towards Wholeness Team  
Contact: Jillian Conway, [jillian@jpduua.org](mailto:jillian@jpduua.org)

### CREATING A JUBILEE WORLD (JUBILEE ONE)

October 24 - October 25  
UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester  
Mount Kisco, New York  
Open to: Public, *registration required*  
Sponsor: Metro New York District of the UUA  
Contact: Rev Michael Tino, [mjtino@yahoo.com](mailto:mjtino@yahoo.com)

### ALLIANCES FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

October 25  
First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Open to: Public, *registration required*  
Sponsor: JPD Journey Towards Wholeness Team  
Contact: Jillian Conway, [jillian@jpduua.org](mailto:jillian@jpduua.org)  
Registration deadline: October 23, 2008

### CELEBRATE SAMHAIN

October 25  
25 Main Street  
Peterborough, New Hampshire  
Open to: Public, free  
Sponsor: Celebrate Samhain  
Contact: Jess Baribault or Kevin Sartoris  
[info@celebratesamhain.com](mailto:info@celebratesamhain.com)