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MARCH 2009 PROGRAMS

MARCH 1 "THE EMERGENCE OF EVIL"

SCORE outreach minister Reverend Jill Jarvis asks, "Do UUs believe in evil? Liberal religion has been accused of refusing to confront this basic element of traditional theologies. In today's UU movement ... we're struggling to name it, confront it, and find meaningful responses. How do we make sense of, and respond to, the evil we encounter?" Contact *Michael Nelson* at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

MARCH 8 "RELEASE TO CREATION"

The evolution of art depends on the fluctuation between improvisation and ritual. The way a Sunday Service moves and evolves is at its best, art. Through dance and exploration of the origins of our story we will bridge the ancient and contemporary search for meaning in our ordinary and extraordinary lives. Lead by Aaron Ford, Rev Michael Nelson and workshop participants. Contact *Michael* at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net
Learn more about the RELEASE TO CREATION WORKSHOP scheduled on Friday, MARCH 6, and Saturday, MARCH 7, in the lower right corner of this page.

MARCH 15 "1968-2008: THE MORE THINGS CHANGE ..."

Fellowship members will present very personal reflections on three of the defining themes of the last 40 years--rising environmental awareness, the women's movement, and U.S. military (mis)adventures. Contact *Michael Oldfather* at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

MARCH 22 "LANDSCAPE VISIONS"

Landscape architect professor Blake Belanger and Rev Michael Nelson explore the wild and cultivated nature of the understanding of gardens. Contact *Michael* at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

MARCH 29 "THE OBSERVATORY IN THE FOG"

Reverend Charlotte Shivers reflects, "Years ago my husband and I were driving ... on I-70, when rain and fog attacked and we sought refuge at ... a restaurant called 'The Observatory.' This ... cafe was surrounded by telescopes--yet all we could see was fog. Come join the search as we muddle toward meaning in this lasting riddle." Contact *Michael Nelson* at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

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SPECIAL EVENTS IN MARCH ...

Join Aaron Ford, Michael Nelson, and award-winning playwright Penny Weiner on Friday, MARCH 6, 6 to 9 pm, and Saturday MARCH 7, 10 am to 5 pm, for a **RELEASE TO CREATION WORKSHOP**.

Rev Thea Nietfeld leads a series of **ADULT DISCUSSIONS** exploring integrating our religious values into life beyond home and religious community, after Sunday services MARCH 22, MARCH 29, and APRIL 5. Learn more on page 4.

Saturday, MARCH 28, is a Fellowship **WORK DAY**. Learn more on page 4.

MARCH 29 is **BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY!!!** Learn more on page 6.



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Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml

MICHAEL'S MUSINGS - REV MICHAEL NELSON, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

*"From scalp to sole, all muscles in slow motion.
The ocean of his torso drips with lotion.
The king of all is he who preens and wrestles
with sinew twisted into monstrous pretzels."*

-- Wyslawa Szymborska

This summer I returned to the gym. Gardening, walking and biking deflate my belly. I hated weight lifting in high school. Training for a marathon in my 20's made me realize that I needed to balance the strength of my upper and lower body. The muscles that support the knees had to be stronger to endure the rigors of training in the Berkeley hills. I joined a new gym close to seminary and did a Nautilus machine circuit like a robot. When my introductory membership expired, I joined the more affordable YMCA. They had a swimming pool that assisted in training for a triathlon. The increased strength and spring became addictive. At the Y there were some serious weight lifters. Muscles on muscles. Muscles I had no idea existed and never desired. Hulk Hogan has never been my action figure.



During my internship at Shawnee Mission Unitarian Society in 1984 I had no time or money for a gym, but squeezed in runs. As I worked as an extension minister in Oklahoma from '84 to '87, I occasionally lifted Chuck's free weights, but a shoulder problem from a car accident often flared. Weight lifting was sporadic, but I continued to run.

After Charles and I purchased our first house, my energy poured into gardening and remodeling. I continued to run, but the weight lifting stopped. Gardening became all consuming and eventually damaged a lower disc in my back. Eventually I tore cartilage in my right knee. Running all but ceased. Bike riding took its place, but carpal tunnel in my hands transformed long rides into sleepless nights. Middle age spread. Yet all my vital functions signaled health until at the last physical my doctor prescribed a cholesterol medication. I declined. I decided I needed to see my feet again. So began serious girth control. Five months later I've gone from the last notch on the belt to the first: 4 inches. It sure makes tying shoelaces easier.

The gym has some serious body builders. The Apollos and Hercules look too sculpted or bulky. My judgment about the extreme effort they focus on perfection tends to be harsh. They judge themselves with more severity. Some of them make extra bucks by training others.

When I see a 400-pound person or a hefty 12-year-old work with one of them, toughness and tenderness balance. They motivate their client to do more than they believed possible. The surprise of accomplishment makes them feel good and lets me see the goodness in these body builders.

My favorite gym-rat, a woman well into her 80's, attends religiously. She's had two rotator cuff surgeries, chronic problems with her shoulder and bone on bone wrists. When she's not on the treadmill or lifting she's out volunteering for civic causes or raking leaves. When she gets started, she's positively evangelical. "I've friends, only in their 70's, who just sit. I tell them, 'Get moving or soon you won't be able to get up.' I want to be moving when I die."

May we all find inspiration where we least expect it,

Michael

MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

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| Tuesday, | March 3 - | 3 to 5 pm |
| Friday, | March 6 - | 4 to 6 pm |
| Wednesday, | March 11 - | 3 to 5 pm |
| Thursday, | March 12 - | 5 to 7 pm |
| Thursday, | March 19 - | 4 to 7 pm |
| Friday, | March 20 - | 3 to 5 pm |
| Wednesday, | March 25 - | 12 to 2 pm |
| Thursday, | March 26 - | 4 to 6 pm |
| Tuesday, | March 31 - | 4 to 6 pm |

During office hours, call Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. Please contact Michael at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net to arrange meetings.

INTRODUCING REV THEA NIETFELD ...

Its good to be in Manhattan. Its good to share daily life with my partner once again and its good to shift into community ministry after 14 years of serving congregations.

Rev Michael Nelson has offered a generous collegial welcome and I appreciate the friendly spiritual inquisitiveness of [UUFM's] worship services. [Would] affiliating with UUFM as a community minister ... be mutually beneficial? The Board has a covenant proposal under review.

As I look for paid and unpaid projects, my focus is ... peace-making ... In the UU community, I'm preaching monthly in Salina ... and will offer an adult discussion at UUFM [*learn more on page 4*]. I'll be part of the PSD Leadership Program team this summer.

So--that's me--glad to be sitting among the congregation during worship and looking forward to sharing other spiritually nourishing activities, like drumming and dancing!

RE NEWS

REFLECTIONS - MARIA SNYDER, DRE, FEB 20, 2009



February included our Intergenerational Sunday. I want to give a special thanks to everyone who helped us accomplish our play. Thanks to Eric for being our knight and to Alex, Michaela, and Elora our witches. Thanks to Larry, our narrator and to Michael, Sandy, and Kim who helped me with the script and walk through. It was a really fun project for the teen group and I really enjoyed writing the program. We plan to do two more programs with a similar format during the year. Please contact me if you are interested in helping, have a story idea, or a suggestion for the next Intergenerational Sunday.

The end of March I am starting a Teen Group. We will be using the Popcorn Theology curriculum that includes watching a movie then following it with theological discussion and activities with UU themes. All the movies that we will watch are PG or PG-13 rated. The group will be open to tweens, teens, and young adults. If you would like to be a helper or are interested in coming to these Youth Group Activities please let me know.

We are working on the summer program with our theme *Postcard to UUFM*. If you would like to be a presenter please contact Sandy Nelson or myself.

I am still working on a task list of what we want to do in RE for the next year, please let me know if you have any ideas.

If you are interested in Our Whole Lives program for the 4th through 6th grade please let me know.

As always if your child needs a ride on Sunday, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange transportation.

Maria

Contact DRE Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net

YOUTH CHOIR

The UUFM Youth Choir rehearses in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room on Sunday, **MARCH 1**, and **MARCH 15**, at 10:15 am. All kids are invited!!! Learn more from Sarah Nuss-Warren at 537-3586 or nusswarr@gmail.com

RE EVENTS

Interested tweens, teens, and young adults are invited to join us on Wednesday evening, **MARCH 25**, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room, for the first movie in our **POPCORN THEOLOGY** series. Learn more from DRE Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net

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 ages--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, and to learn how you can contribute to our youth activities, contact DRE *Maria Snyder* at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net

YOUTH ART

Maria Snyder has posted a calendar of RE activities on the new RE bulletin board, located in the hall across from the RE classrooms. Don't miss the beautiful paintings submitted by Alex Snyder-Hernandez and Lily Colburn for our Art Exhibit!

MARIA SNYDER'S SCHEDULE

Maria will be available in the Fellowship office on:

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| Sunday, | March | 1 - 10 am to 1 pm |
| Monday, | March | 2 - 1 to 4 pm |
| Tuesday, | March | 3 - 4 to 7 pm |
| Wednesday, | March | 4 - 1 to 4 pm |
| Saturday, | March | 7 - 10 am to 2 pm |
| Sunday, | March | 8 - 10 am to 1 pm |
| Friday, | March | 13 - 1 to 4 pm |
| Saturday, | March | 14 - 10 am to 2 pm |
| Monday, | March | 16 - 10 am to 2 pm |
| Wednesday, | March | 18 - 1 to 5 pm |
| Thursday, | March | 19 - 3 to 9 pm |
| Friday, | March | 20 - 10 am to 3 pm |
| Saturday, | March | 21 - 10 am to 2 pm |
| Sunday, | March | 22 - 10 am to 1 pm |
| Wednesday, | March | 25 - 4 to 9 pm |
| Friday, | March | 27 - 1 to 4 pm |
| Saturday, | March | 28 - 10 am to 2 pm |
| Sunday, | March | 29 - 10 am to 1 pm |
| Monday, | March | 30 - 1 to 4 pm |

During office hours, call Maria at 537-2349, or drop by the Fellowship building. Contact Maria by email at dre@uufm.net

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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 Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP** meets Wednesday, MARCH 11, at 12 noon, at Meadowlark Hills in the Manhattan Room (next to the Pub and across from the Game Room). Enter through the front door of the main building. All interested Fellowship members, friends, and guests are invited! Contact Florence Schwab at 539-0976 or fschwab@cox.net, to learn more.

The **UU DRUM CIRCLE** will meet on Friday, MARCH 13, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's new sanctuary. We will drum, sing and dance. Bring your friends, family, and guests of all ages. Plenty of instruments are available. Bring anything or any thoughts you wish to dedicate with a drumming round. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

MEDITATION practice meets this month on Thursday, MARCH 19, in the new sanctuary, from 5:30 to 6 pm, before our regular Third Thursday Supper. Come take a deep breathe after a long day, and then join us for a meal. Learn more from Michael Nelson at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER gathers on MARCH 19, 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, Susan Turner, and Maria Snyder take care of dinner! Contact Sue at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net to learn more.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on Wednesday, MARCH 25, at 7 pm. Our title this month is *Bel Canto*, by Ann Patchett. The book is available to check out at the Manhattan Public Library. *New members are welcome.* Learn more from Barbara Hacker at 587-8002.

A Fellowship **WORK DAY** is scheduled on Saturday, MARCH 28, beginning at 9 am. Members and friends are invited to join in as we tackle a variety of maintenance projects around the building, and on the grounds and in the gardens. Our Social Committee will provide lunch. Learn more about Work Day plans from Facilities Committee chair Mark Moser at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com

The Fellowship's annual fundraising **GARAGE SALE** will be held Friday, APRIL 24, and Saturday, APRIL 25. Members and friends are asked to begin sorting through attics, basements, and closets for items in good condition for the sale. *Volunteers are needed* to help sort and price donations, move tables, help with set-up and clean up, and to staff the sale on Friday and Saturday. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, or Barbara Hacker at 587-8002.



ART EXHIBITIONS

The UUFM Aesthetics Committee continues our series of Art Exhibitions, featuring the creative work of Fellowship members and friends. Following an enthusiastic response to our photographic and painting exhibits (paintings will remain on display through late April), the committee will launch the third exhibit in this series featuring **FIBER ART**. This can include any fiber creation: basketry; apparel; felted wool; crocheted, knitted, or embroidered items; quilting; weaving; handmade paper; papier mache, etc. Artists interested in submitting their work should contact Kim Belanger at 587-8107 or kgardenbelanger@yahoo.com

SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CREATIVITY

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

SHARE, LEARN, GROW: Volunteer to create a display in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room illustrating something important in your life--a trip, a biographical summary, activity or hobby, favorite poet, author, or any interest or expertise.

ARRANGEMENTS: Sign up on the list in the kitchen to provide floral arrangements for Sunday morning services.

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, Monta Manney at 537-0624, or Kim Belanger at 587-8107 or kgardenbelanger@yahoo.com

UUFM SINGERS

The Choir rehearses this month on Sunday, **MARCH 1**, and Sunday, **MARCH 15**, at 9:30 am, in the new sanctuary. Ask Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu to learn more about choral opportunities at UUFM.

ADULT DISCUSSION SERIES-- LIVING AS A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

UU community minister Rev Thea Nietfeld will facilitate a series of three meetings exploring the integration of our religious values into life beyond home and religious community. Participants will consider UU history and vision, with the intent of identifying and clarifying their ethical framework. Sessions meet in the old sanctuary, following Sunday services:

MARCH 22 - *Where We Come From*

MARCH 29 - *Who We Could Be*

APRIL 5 - *Welcoming Ourselves*

Contact Thea at (918) 207-2444 or okiethoreau@yahoo.com to learn more.

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

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

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS** on Friday, MARCH 6, and MARCH 20, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. Occasional **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to fill in when regular volunteers are absent. The meal is free and all are invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Of course, your donations are welcome. Learn more from 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. This is a great way to give to the Fellowship with a minimal investment of time. Learn more from Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or jo.maseberg@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) meets regularly, working for peace and justice issues. MAPJ has worked closely with UUFM for many years, and invites interested Fellowship members and friends to become involved. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

On the second Sunday of each month our Social Action Committee designates an agency or association to receive the offerings for the day. On MARCH 8, our congregation will collect funds for **WONDER WORKSHOP**, a local organization for children in kindergarten through 6th grade which seeks to open doors to the world of Arts and Humanities. Services are provided on a sliding scale with the majority of the children receiving free membership. Learn more by viewing the Wonder Workshop web site at www.wonderworkshop.org

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 CFL SALES

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 may be placed. 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. Learn more at 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. Bulbs are \$4 each, and may be purchased to donate to families seeking help through Shepherd's Crossing.

GI RIGHTS HOTLINE

For over a year, the UUFM Social Action Committee, along with other area churches, has supported the establishment of a local GI Rights Hotline. The Flint Hills GI Rights Hotline now exists. The mission is to provide trained lay counselors to offer accurate information and assistance to help GIs and their families understand their rights and options. Issues addressed are discharge status, AWOL/UA, sexual orientation, Delayed Entry Program, conscientious objection and others. The hotline number is 800 819-3225. View the website at www.flinthillsgirights.com or pick up a brochure from the information table in the narthex. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Social Action Committee will meet on Thursday, MARCH 12, at 5:30 pm, in the large RE classroom. Next year's budget (for fiscal year 2009/2010) will be the main topic of discussion. Learn more from our Social Action Committee chair Pat Weisenburger at 539-4711 or patw@ksu.edu

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends,

The monthly Executive Board meeting took place on Tuesday, February 10. We unanimously voted Brice



Hobrock into the vacant Chair-elect position. We are most fortunate that Brice is willing to take on the responsibilities of Executive Board Chair on June 1, 2009. Brice has started to work with committees already and will attend Board meetings starting in March. He will only be Chair-elect for a

few months, but he has been so active on important Fellowship committees (e.g. Finance, Facilities, and Long Range Planning, and Social) that he could assume Chair responsibilities at any time.

We appointed a Task Force under the leadership of Michael Oldfather to work out the details of the sabbatical the Rev Michael Nelson, in accordance with his contract, is planning to take in 2010. Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson and Alley Stoughton agreed to serve on the Task Force, as well.

DRE Maria Snyder gave a final report on her work on a "Protection Policy for Children, Youths, and Adults." The Board adopted the documents now being reviewed by our insurance agent to make sure that they are sufficient in protecting not only our children, youth, and adults but also our Fellowship in case of a law suit by a Fellowship member, friend, or visitor.

The Board, under the leadership of our Finance Chair, Mark Mayfield began its discussions about the 2009/2010 budget. The Council of Committees, consisting of committee chairs, in their meeting of February 2, was asked to build budgets on specific goals that they wish to accomplish. Committees will submit their budgets to the Finance Chair by February 22 and the Finance Committee will develop a budget recommendation for the March board meeting. The Council was also advised to recruit committee chairs from within their current committees and to contact the Nominating Committee, should they not be able to recruit a chair or co-chairs for their committees.

The Caring, Welcoming and Membership, and Social Committee chairs met to discuss questions that touch all three committees. It was confirmed that baby showers, wedding receptions, farewells, and similar events should be organized by private individuals if they so desire and not by the Fellowship. All committees involved in the welfare of the members need to be aware that this recommendation was made in the spirit of inclusion. We do not want to cause hard feelings by not treating our members equally. Exceptions should only be made after a discussion

among committees, or if the minister sees a need for a Fellowship event under special circumstances.

Barbara Hacker and Yvonne Lacy, Caring Committee co-chairs, would like to inform our administrator, Sue Turner, on a regular basis about family news that should be included in the monthly newsletter. If you know of noteworthy family events--happy and sad--please inform Barbara or Yvonne. It goes without saying that the minister also would like to be informed.

We discussed some changes in the Sunday morning coffee and greeting procedures. Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson is working on the details of this and you will read more about it in the April UUFM Voice.

Most of our Fellowship members and many friends are involved in the well being of the Fellowship on an almost daily basis. Without the hard work of our committees and their dedication to the Fellowship we would not be able to function. We need the commitment and enthusiasm of all our members and friends and we appreciate their contributions to the life of the Fellowship. If you would like to be more involved and do not know how to go about it, please talk to any of us or to our Fellowship administrator, Sue Turner. We welcome your participation and can guide you in the right direction.

All Executive Board meeting minutes as taken by our Secretary, Terri Franz, can be viewed on the UUFM web site after approval by the Board. [*Go to uufm.net, and click on "Documents" to view Board meeting minutes.*] Please feel free to discuss any questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have with regard to the work of the Board with any Board member.

Best regards and a happy beginning of spring,

Elke Lorenz, UUFM Executive Board Chair

Contact Elke at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board meets Thursday, MARCH 12, at 7 pm, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). Members and friends of the Fellowship are welcome and encouraged to attend. Learn more from Executive Board Chair Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Sunday, **MARCH 29**, is "Bring a Friend" Sunday. If you have friends, family members, or colleagues who may be interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, please invite them to join you at our morning service.



SUNDAY COFFEE PROVIDERS

- March 1: Betty and Sara Banner
- March 8: Tom and Monta Manney
- March 15: Marolyn Caldwell / Steve Mull
- March 22: Ana Franklin / Aaron Ford
- March 29: Alley Stoughton

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

A NOTE FROM BETTY: Talk to Betty if you would like to celebrate a birthday or anniversary by providing a special snack for Sunday coffee time near the date.

Administrator's Schedule

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

- Monday, March 2 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, March 3 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, March 5 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, March 9 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, March 10 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, March 12 - 4 to 7 pm
- Monday, March 16 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, March 17 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, March 19 - 4 to 9 pm
- Thursday, March 26 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, March 28 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, March 30 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, March 31 - 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

- March 1: Terri Franz / Gwen Gieselman
- March 8: Cathy Hedge
- March 15: Betty Banner
- March 22: Ferguson-Mayfield family
- March 29: Steven Mull

Greeters are vital to creating a welcoming atmosphere. This is an easy way to support the Fellowship, when you only have an occasional hour to give. *Learn more about greeting on page 8* of this newsletter, or ask Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or jo.maseberg@gmail.com

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 Sue 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; Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cjhedgewriter@yahoo.ca; or Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or jo.maseberg@gmail.com 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

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

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the April edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **MARCH 15**. Please send news, meetings, announcements, and events to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

CARING CORNER



§ **ROSE TANONA**, daughter of Scott and Kathleen Tanona, celebrated her second birthday with us at the Third Thursday Supper on February 19.

The Fellowship's newest member, **ELIAS MARKLE**, was introduced to the congregation at the Sunday Service on February 15, by his mother, Courtney.



§ **PHOEBE SAMELSON** celebrated her 80th birthday on February 20. Phoebe and her husband Franz have been actively involved in the Fellowship for many years.

FUN AND FUNDRAISING

The Fellowship Finance Committee has approved a "Goods and Services Auction" this fall at UUFM. In a goods and services auction, members and friends offer their skills and talents for sale. Some examples of lots offered at other auctions include:

- Beef Stroganoff for four delivered to your home. Seven days notice required. Minimum bid: \$10
- 10 hours of French lessons, at your place or mine. Time by arrangement. Minimum bid: \$30
- I will fix you Windows computer. I will scan your hard drive for spyware and remove what I find, defrag the disk, and perform other basic performance tuning.
- An afternoon's sailing on the lake in my boat.
- Our band will play a two-hour gig. Timing by arrangement. Minimum bid: \$100. *[The band was composed entirely of members and friends of the congregation.]*

Other possible categories include craft lessons, commissions for finished crafts and artworks, lessons for physical skills like yoga or dancing, and spa day activities. Big ticket items are allowed, such as:

- 1 week's use of our time-share in Cancun. Travel not included. Minimum bid: \$500
- I will tape your video, photographs and documents, interview you on camera and prepare a one hour, Ken Burns style documentary on a topic of your choice. \$2000 value, \$750 minimum bid. *[A professional videographer offered this item.]*

Everyone has a talent or skill that someone else could use. We will need four to six volunteers on the evening of the auction, and we are open to suggestions for our auctioneer, as well. Learn more from Melissa or David McKee at 320-7657, lissa_717@yahoo.com or dmckee@whoever.com

CAMP STARTRAIL

If you're already dreaming about the warm, sunny days of Summer 2009, consider attending a UU camp, sponsored by the UUA's Prairie Star District. Camp StarTrail will be held August 2 thru 7, 2009, near Omaha, Nebraska. Join us for a multigenerational camp that celebrates and explores Unitarian Universalism, in the beautiful rolling hills of the Platte River Valley. From the morning Celebration, to the workshops, to the evening Vespers and campfires, there will be fun and good conversation. If you'd prefer to sit in a rocking chair and read a good book, you'll enjoy the quiet of the woods, lake, and sky. Photos of the camp are posted on the Prairie Star District's Web site at www.psdoua.org/CampStarTrail. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.** To register, go to www.psdoua.org, and click on "Camps" on the left side of the page.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

Thank you to everyone who has been a greeter! If you haven't been a greeter yet, please consider it. It's a wonderful way to meet new visitors and welcome them to our fellowship. As always, when you greet and see someone you don't recognize, don't be afraid to ask if they're new. If the answer is yes, we'd love to have you offer them a chance to sign the guest book. We also have something new from the Welcoming and Membership Committee for our visitors: check out the brightly colored folders located on the desk next to the guest book. These folders include several different pieces of information about our fellowship (including those recycled UU Worlds everyone donated!). After visitors finish signing the guest book and putting on a nametag is an ideal time to offer them a folder.

Learn more from our Welcoming and Member Committee co-chairs--Mary Westfall at 539-5397 or westyks@interkan.net, Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cathyhedge@usd475.org, or Jo Maseberg-Tomilinson at 477-2759 or jo.maseberg@gmail.com