



JUNE 2009 PROGRAMS

JUNE 7 "THE OPEN WORLD"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, " Ambiguity allows for nuance, encourages open minds and promotes diversity. If you're sure you're always right, you're probably wrong more of the time than you believe. Often it's in moments of reverie when a unique approach to a problem lifts into consciousness. UU's radically open theology provides a model for personal and world peace." Contact *Michael* at 913 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

JUNE 14 "PERSONAL RELIGIOUS JOURNEYS"

Fellowship members Chris Nakamura and Florence Schwab share stories of their journeys of religious discovery and development, what they believe, and what the journey means for them. Contact *Scott Tanona* at 537-6208 or stanona@sbcglobal.net

JUNE 21 "FRIENDS"

Continuing our series on religious plurality, Colina and Stew Stanton and Carol Barta will share their perspectives on the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Quakers are known for the doctrine of the inner light, which is understood to be the spirit of the holy entering into human consciousness. Historically, Quakers have been known for their practice of pacifism and rejection of oaths. Contact *Elke Lorenz* at 589-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

JUNE 28 "SPEND ALL YOU HAVE FOR LOVELINESS"

"Sara Teasdale's poetic phrase has more practical value than meets the eye. Celebrating the splendid can bring freshness to what's stagnant, joy to what grief holds, and love where hate has been too bold." Join Reverend Michael Nelson in consideration of loveliness. Contact *Michael* at 913 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

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POSTCARDS FROM UUFM

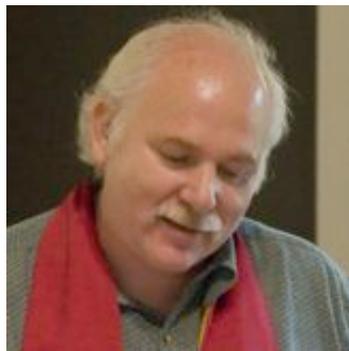
Following our fabulous Bon Voyage Party on May 31, RE students will begin weekly expeditions guided by Fellowship members and friends. Following each trip, students will send postcards describing their adventures. There are many exciting trips planned, and we hope to see lots of kids here this summer. If you would like to get involved, please see page 3 of this newsletter. Maria offers details in this month's *REflections* column, and contributions of supplies and equipment are needed!!!



UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

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

While in college, I had to stop walking by the laundromat because of the abandoned adolescent cats that hung about. Hungry for affection and food, I'd either bring them home or feel guilty for not bringing them home. One childhood summer morning, I found a blind, champagne hued cocker spaniel teetering down the alley. I put him in the garage with a bowl of water, food and a blanket. My mother and Jane, a neighbor prone to dramatics, then decked out in a fancy white dress with black polka dots, had a lunch date. When they entered the garage, Jane screeched which propelled the old dog between Jane's legs. Her even louder scream sent him careening out of sight.



On a Sunday afternoon as Chuck and I walked our Tibetan terriers, Puja and Pushkin, on the country road outside of Centropolis, the first capitol of Kansas, I heard the unmistakable mewing of kittens. We discovered three six to eight week old kittens thrown off the bridge on the bank, soggy and frightened. We brought them home and they became farm cats. My father threatened to drown the kittens that my childhood cat, Topsy, bore litters of with clockwork regularity. I defended the rights of those kittens with all my childish might. I knew if I didn't find them homes, they would disappear. In the fir and birch woods surrounding our house in Sweden a family of wild cats lived. The first summer I put out leftover scrapes of meat and fat on a plate. This pleased them a great deal. The next summer I started buying them dry food. By the end of the third summer I was paying a friend to come by a couple times a week to refill their bowl during the nine months that I was in Kansas City. By the fourth summer I had named them, Caesar, Octavia, Nero ... When we sold the house in the sixth summer the real estate agent didn't think a clause which required the new owners to feed the cats was enforceable, or a good selling point.

Our cat, Maximum Kitty, or as Chuck sometimes likes to call him "Maxabillion," is a double rescue cat. Chuck's uncle, pre-Katrina, adopted him from a lady who devoted three of her houses in the French Quarter to saving abandoned and feral cats. When Chuck's uncle died, the cat was sentenced to the animal shelter where he'd be

ethanized. He was scrawny and missing half his fur. Now he's magnificently handsome and rules our house.

Many people, like stray cats and dogs, need the safety and nourishment of our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. People who are rejected from or who do not fit in to their family because of their progressive politics, liberal religious perspectives, sexual orientation; people wary of telling others what they really believe or don't believe, because of the fear of being shunned by their primary community. Providing sanctuary is an ancient act of mercy and kindness. It often can be of great benefit to the provider. We can't imagine life without Maximum Kitty. His need to be loved (when he wants affection) reminds us of how love sometimes needs to be drawn from us. His fierce independent spirit routinely demands long petting sessions. The thrum of his warm contentment on my chest teaches me patience and to just allow the sweetness of this connection let me know my place in this world. We all need places in our life where affection is available and shared; where our independent natures receive respect.

Michael

REVEREND MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

In June, Michael Nelson will be in the Fellowship office on:

Wednesday, June	3 - 12 to 2 pm
Thursday, June	4 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, June	9 - 4 to 6 pm
Thursday, June	11 - 4 to 7 pm
Wednesday, June	17 - 5 to 7 pm
Thursday, June	18 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday, June	24 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday, June	25 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, June	30 - 4 to 6 pm

During office hours, call Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. At other times, Michael may be contacted at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net to arrange meetings, talk, or make appointments for other get-togethers.

RE NEWS

REFLECTIONS - MARIA SNYDER, DRE, MAY 29, 2009

May saw the end of school and the transition from our "Timeless Traditions" curricula to our "Postcards from UUFM," this year's theme for our UU Travelers series. Memorial Day weekend we had an Intergenerational service that the kids worked very hard on. They practiced and painted scenery, then told the story of Clementine and her favorite teacher in appreciation of all that our



RE Teachers have done this year. The Bon Voyage party that kicks off our summer program will be fun for all ages, which will include a bounce house, games and we partnered up with the annual potluck this year. I will also be there with copies of all our new curricula for the fall. Are you interested in teaching? Just let me know, this year we will have a rotation so that you can teach a little as every other month or as much as every week, whatever suits you.

This month's tour guides will bring us to The World in Our Backyard; Religion in the Far East; The Capitals: Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest; and we will end June with a Canoe trip. Each week we will visit a new place and end each tour by making a post card, this will help the kids tell parents what they are learning as well as keep in touch with Greta [Askey] and other friends and family.

We will continue our Popcorn Theology youth group throughout the summer. June movies will go on as usual. Watch for schedule changes due to vacations. We have completed our first unit and will start *Unit Two: The Search for Truth* on Wednesday, June 3, with the theme "True or False?" as we watch *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*. Thanks to Angela and Ruth for bringing your girls to each meeting. They are a blast to work with.

For me the summer means a time to celebrate the completion of my first year back at school. I am also looking back on what I have done so far here at UUFM and making plans on what is on the horizon. I have learned and grown a lot in this position and that will continue with more Visionary Meetings, Midwest Leadership School in July and facilitating my first "New Teacher Training" in August. I want to thank everyone who has helped me in building the foundation that I have here and look forward to showing you all what I can build on it.

Maria

TRAVEL SUPPLIES NEEDED



In June, our RE students will travel far and wide. Your support, through contributions of equipment and supplies, will allow us to ensure that all children and youth can fully participate in each exciting expedition.

We need small (6-inch diameter *or less*), unglazed, **TERRA COTTA POTS**--including broken or damaged ones--for our trip on June 7, when we'll explore "The World in Our Backyard." Students will decorate the pots to create toad houses for a UUFM toad village, building a safe habitat for struggling Woodhouse's toads in our gardens.

On June 28, Larry Weaver will guide students on a fun, family canoeing adventure. We need **LIFE JACKETS** and **CANOES!** Please let us know if you have equipment we can borrow. We welcome all adults who would like to join us!

Ask Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net to arrange drop off of supplies or equipment, or to learn more about our summer curriculum.

TEENS - POPCORN THEOLOGY

Teens, tweens, and parents are invited to join us for Popcorn Theology sessions every other Wednesday, at 6 pm. On **JUNE 3**, we'll watch *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*. On **JUNE 17**, we'll be viewing *Oh God!*. Movies are followed by discussion, and of course, more popcorn!

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir rehearses in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary) on Sunday, **JUNE 7**, and **JUNE 21**, at 10:15 am. All kids are invited! Learn more from Sarah Nuss-Warren at 537-3586 or nusswarr@gmail.com

MARIA SNYDER'S SCHEDULE

In June, Maria will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Tuesdays, from 9 am to 12 noon, and
Fridays, from 2 pm to 5 pm

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

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

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP** meets Wednesday, JUNE 10, at 12 noon, at the Manhattan Country Club, in the Club 19 Room. Those attending may order from the menu, choose the salad buffet for \$9, or the full buffet for \$11. If you require an elevator, go to the back of the building near the pool. Otherwise, come in front to enter and go down the hallway. To arrange a ride, please contact Florence Schwab at 539-0976 or fschwab@cox.net

The **UU DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, JUNE 19, at 7 pm, at the Fellowship. Bring your favorite drum or rhythm instrument, or use one that will be available to borrow. This is the weekend of the Summer Solstice, June 21. We'll celebrate with drumming and honoring of Grandfather Sun at the medicine wheel on the Fellowship grounds. A blanket will be placed in the summer quadrant of the wheel for special objects participants wish to honor with drumming. In case of rain, we will have an indoor medicine wheel. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on Wednesday, JUNE 24, at 7 pm, at the home of Evelyn and Les Frazier. This month, we'll be reading *The Road Less Traveled*, by M Scott Peck. Learn more about this month's gathering from Evelyn at 539-4897 or emf@ksu.edu. All interested members and friends are welcome to join in the discussion.

Musically gifted members and friends who wish to share their talents with the rest of us are encouraged to sign up for a spot in the celebrated annual **UUFM MUSICAL**. Interested singers, instrumentalists, dancers, et al, may sign up, or learn more, from Music Committee Chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu. Be sure to circle Sunday, AUGUST 23, on your calendar--or whatever it is one does with electronic versions of them--this event is not to be missed!



WELCOMING DINNER

On Tuesday, **JUNE 9**, at 6 pm, our Social and Welcoming and Membership Committees are hosting a dinner for all new members, and for anyone new to the Fellowship in the last two years. We'll be serving Brice Hobrock's famous barbecued pork, a vegetarian alternative, salads and desserts. Your whole family is welcome to join us. A sitter will be available after the dinner, to allow time for a brief discussion. Those planning to attend are asked to contact Shirley Hobrock *no later than Saturday, June 6*, to facilitate planning. Remember to let Shirley know if you have any special food requirements. Learn more from Shirley at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com

UUFM SINGERS

The Choir rehearses this month on Saturday, **JUNE 27**, at 1:30 pm, and Sunday, **JUNE 28**, at 9:30 am, in the new sanctuary. Learn more about choral opportunities at UUFM from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

MAPJ FILM SERIES

The Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice is hosting monthly films. In June, *Rethink Afghanistan*, will be shown on Tuesday, **JUNE 9**, at 6:30 pm, in the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium. The Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice will show "RETHINK AFGHANISTAN" on Tuesday, June 9, at 6:30 pm, Manhattan Public Library Auditorium. The film is directed by Robert Greenwald and is being released in sections as they are completed, to help inform the public debate. Historically, it has been Congress' duty to ask questions in the form of oversight hearings that challenge policymakers, examine military spending, and educate the public. After witnessing the absence of oversight in the Iraq war, we are compelled to examine our country's role in Afghanistan. Learn more from Christopher Renner at 770-8309 or renner@ksu.edu

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

UUFM hosts a Wednesday afternoon service each month at Meadowlark Hills in Manhattan. This month, join Reverend Michael Nelson on Wednesday, **JUNE 3**, at 3 pm, in Wroten House on the Meadowlark Hills campus, as he shares some "Reflections on June." Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or koldfather@yahoo.com

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

Our Welcoming and Membership Committee is in the process of recruiting one or two more **REFRESHMENT AND GREETING TEAMS**, in an effort to make planning and providing welcoming hospitality at our Sunday services easier for our valued volunteers. Teams have four members--one leader/coordinator, and three additional members who share greeting, and preparation and service of coffee and refreshments. Each team will choose three Sundays during the year. Occasional substitute team members are also needed. This is an easy 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

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS** on Friday, JUNE 12 and JUNE 26, 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 Shirley Hobrock, 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com

The **RILEY COUNTY SENIOR CENTER** needs drivers to deliver meals to homebound residents. Pick one day of the week and one week of the month when it would be easy for you to deliver meals to Riley County residents. To volunteer or learn more, please contact Judy Houdeshell at 776-9294 or judyh@ncfhaaa.com

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month our Social Action Committee designates an agency or association to receive the offerings for the day. On Sunday **JUNE 14**, our morning collection will go to **SHEPHERDS CROSSING**--the agency designated for our first Helping Hands donation of the new fiscal year. Shepherds Crossing is an agency which provides assistance to low income families and individuals with rent, utilities, and medical prescriptions. This is one of the few agencies in town that relies heavily on volunteers to run the program. They work closely with other agencies including SRS. Fellowship member Roger Johnson represents UUFM on Shepherds Crossing's Board.

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. Whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate, and tea are available. To learn more, or to purchase Fair Trade products, ask Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net or ask her on Sunday mornings.



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 also be purchased to donate to families seeking help through Shepherd's Crossing.

CASA SUMMER TRAINING

Volunteer to be the difference between abuse and hope--become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Summer training begins Tuesday, June 16, from 6 to 9 pm at 621 Humboldt (the Alan Lee Center) and continues on Tuesday nights through July 21. Independent study training is also offered for those unable to attend Tuesday evening sessions.

Since the beginning of 2009, nearly forty "child in need of care" cases have been filed in Riley County. CASAs have been appointed to nine children in the month of May alone, and more volunteers are needed. Learn more at 537-6367 or sunfcasa@interkan.net, or visit <http://casa.manhattanks.org>. There is a child waiting for your voice.



Shepherd's
Crossing
FAITH HOPE LOVE

Eat at **SIRLOIN STOCKADE** on the *Third Tuesday* each month. Sirloin Stockade will donate a generous part of the cost of your meal to Shepherd's Crossing to assist families with rent, utilities, or prescription medication. Give this coupon and your receipt to the cashier at Sirloin Stockade on Tuesday any time after 11 am.

Thank you for the opportunity to chair the UUFM



Executive Board for 2009/2010. I don't come to this task with a particular agenda or grand programmatic objective. However, I am clear that as Unitarian Universalists, our membership collectively identifies

programs and goals, and does not focus on the wishes of one person or group. I look forward to working with you this year and hope that I can be a good listener and communicator.

I want to thank Elke for her strong leadership over the past year. I am grateful that she will be available to get me over the rocky parts along with other past chairs and members who know the ropes. Your assistance will be necessary for UUFM to become the force in the community that is needed. It is about all of us.

My personal leadership philosophy is simple: help the organization define priority programs and objectives and implement those that contribute to our becoming a more visible force for liberal religion in the community. The Board will be discussing some of the following items this year:

- Charging the Long-Range Planning Committee to survey members and friends in 2010 to account for how the world and membership have changed since 2005, and to develop a visionary plan for property and facility development,
- Completing consideration of "Guidelines for Conflict Resolution," leading to a common-sense guide to resolving negative interactions among members,
- Analyzing the recommendations of the UUFM Annual Review 2008 developed by the Committee on Ministry, enabling new discussions of mission, vision and covenant, leadership development, communications, committee effectiveness, and staffing this year, and
- Continuing awareness and training for individual and congregational safety through small group discussion of the UUFM Emergency Preparedness Guide.

A June 5 Executive Board retreat is designed to initiate discussion of these issues, to build cohesiveness and effectiveness among board members and to develop two or three goals for UUFM operations for 2010. Next month I will summarize the retreat and Board objectives. Do not hesitate to contact me or any Board member if you have concerns or issues that need to be discussed, or a need for information.

Brice Hobrock, UUFM Executive Board Chair

Contact Brice at 776-3175 (home), 477-3982 (cell), or bhobrock@uufm.net

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board meets Thursday, **JUNE 11**, at 7 pm, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). Interested members and friends are invited to attend and observe the proceedings. Learn more from Executive Board Chair Brice Hobrock at 776-3175 or bhobrock@uufm.net

2009 EXECUTIVE BOARD RETREAT

Executive Board Chair Brice Hobrock and Shirley Hobrock will host a Board Retreat on Friday, **JUNE 5**, at the Hobrock home, 4009 Snowy Reach, in Manhattan, with the goal of taking some quality, uninterrupted time for visioning, strategizing, and socializing. Dinner will be served. The plan is to come away with two or three concrete goals to go with our normal outline of program objectives. Brice looks forward to getting to know each of Board member better and to begin building cohesiveness and effectiveness for fiscal year 2010, which begins on June 1, 2009. This event is intended for new and continuing Board members and Fellowship staff. Learn more from Brice at 776-3175 or bhobrock@uufm.net



GREETING AND REFRESHMENT TEAMS

- June 7: Betty Banner, Colina Stanton, Bernd and Enell Foerster
- June 14: Alley Stoughton, Terrie Becerra, Jo and Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson
- June 21: Cathy Hedge, Mark Mayfield, Dan and Kathy Swenson
- June 28: Ana Franklin, Emily Ragan, Eric Banner, and Pat Embers

Coffee and greeting teams of four volunteers consist of one leader/coordinator, and three friends to help provide Sunday morning greeting and refreshments. Teams sign up for only three Sundays each year. We hope this new organizational method will help lighten the load, and allow those without much time to give a little.

Thanks so much to everyone who has already volunteered to join or lead one of our 14 teams! We're still recruiting two additional teams and occasional substitutes! Ask Welcoming and Membership Committee chair Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or jo.maseberg@gmail.com, to learn more.

Administrator's Schedule

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

- Monday, June 1 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, June 2 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, June 4 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, June 8 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, June 9 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, June 11 - 4 to 7 pm
- Monday, June 15 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, June 16 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, June 18 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, June 25 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, June 27 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, June 29 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, June 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

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 bottom left*) at 537-2349.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, please contact our Welcoming and Membership Committee chair, Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or jo.maseberg@gmail.com, or Rev Michael Nelson at 913 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net, 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 would be happy to help you set up **ELECTRONIC PAYMENT** of your pledge contributions. 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 rack 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

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

A NOTE FROM BERNICE MARTIN AND ANN JOHNSON -- OUR OLD FRIENDS IN MAINE

Hello,

It is hard to believe that it is already two summers ago that we were in Manhattan. It was such a wonderful gift to spend some time with all of you. We are blessed and grateful for the love you shared with us during our visit. We felt as though we were coming home to both old friends and new. The warmth of your embrace has been wrapped around us ever since. We feel your presence in our lives strongly every day. There are so many times when we see someone in passing and our hearts fill with joy thinking it is one of you who we love so much. When we realize where we are and that it's not one of you, we stop for a moment and send our love out to each of you. You each hold a special place in our hearts. We were disappointed we weren't able to be in Manhattan longer and spend more time with all of you. In the excitement we didn't get to talk with everyone--sometimes the opportunity passed before we knew it. But seeing all your faces in person--seeing the young folks we love becoming adults and the adults we love moving into new adventures nourished our hearts and spirits. We are thankful for the wonderful time we had with you and appreciate the work of pulling it all together. We are also glad we were able to see those who are no longer with us. Bettie D and Doreen S touched our lives deeply. And although we couldn't be there in person to say good-bye with you, our thoughts and prayers were with you all. Our love goes out to Brock and Jim. We also made some wonderful new friends who we carry in our hearts. What a joy to be embraced by those we were yet to know. Thank you.

Things continue to go well here. We are so busy with school. Ann is still teaching two courses at Antioch New England. Bernice is still working on her Master of Divinity degree. Work on the house has been slow but moving forward. The mountains, ocean and lake constantly restore us. We just had two baby horned owls leave the nest outside our window.

You are in our thoughts and prayers always. Blessings to you all and Be Well!

With much love, *Bernice* and *Ann*

FUNDRAISING AT THE FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Garage Sale organizer Shirley Hobrock reports on our expanded fundraising efforts in the past year:



This year UUFM has raised over \$2,500 from the Garage Sale, the Catered Italian Dinner and Pancake Breakfast [*provided by Brice and Shirley Hobrock with help from the Social Committee*], and the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale [*inspired by new member Melissa McKee*].

The 2009 Garage Sale, held in April, raised close to \$1,100, made possible by Gwen Geiselman's generosity in allowing us to have the sale at her house. Many thanks go to Gwen; Barbara Hacker, our expert pricer; Mark Moser, Tom Manney, Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson, June Kempthorne, Pat Weisenburger, Brice Hobrock, and Terri Franz for helping to transport tables and large items before and after the sale. Thanks also to all who donated items, or their time pricing, and working before, during and after the sale. Most of the leftovers were taken to the Senior Center for their sale the next week. Barbara Bascom even came back to visit us during the sale donating many of her and Jim's stored items. (Additional thanks go to Barbara and Jim for the donation of their dishwasher for the Fellowship's kitchen.) We are grateful everyone's participation in these fundraisers.

