



**SEPTEMBER 2009 PROGRAMS**

**SEPTEMBER 6 "WISDOM KEEPERS  
SHARE TRADITIONS IN THE FLINT HILLS"**

We are fortunate that native Wisdom Keepers still wish to come to the Flint Hills from tribal nations around the country sharing a wide variety of traditions and knowledge. The Wisdom Keepers historical conference/gathering was started on the east coast in the 1980's and is now centered at White Memorial Camp near Council Grove during the last weekend in April ([www.fhwisdomkeepers.org](http://www.fhwisdomkeepers.org)). Pat Embers, Diane Barker, and conference participants will share their learning and experiences of loving respect for Mother Earth and All Our Relations as led by American Indian Elders. The UU Drum Circle joins us. Contact/convener is Pat Embers at 539-2819 or [embers1@cox.net](mailto:embers1@cox.net)

**SEPTEMBER 13 "SUPER HEROES"**

Reverend Michael Nelson asks, "What heroines have inspired you to do something you didn't believe you could do? Has the notion of heroism caused harm in your life? How do you become a super hero?" Contact Michael at 913 961-2626 or [minister@uufm.net](mailto:minister@uufm.net)

**SEPTEMBER 20 "LIVING THE CALL"**

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "The book from which this sermon is inspired and named challenges us to consider the evolving nature of Unitarian Universalism. How do we successfully fuse critical inquiry with religious longing? How do we honor the need for both while increasing the inherent worth and dignity of each member and friend and this progressive Fellowship community?" Contact Michael at 913 961-2626 or [minister@uufm.net](mailto:minister@uufm.net)

**SEPTEMBER 27 "ENVISIONING A NEW MANHATTAN"**

Fellowship member Blake Belanger shares research from KSU's Dept of Landscape Architecture / Regional and Community Planning pertaining to the future of Manhattan. Through design studio work over the summer and an intensive department-wide study, students have identified critical dilemmas facing Manhattan and explored visionary strategies for the region's future. Raise your voice and contribute to the future of our city! Contact/convener is Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or [stanona@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stanona@sbcglobal.net)

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
begin at **10:45 AM**  
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**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**

During the Sunday morning service on **SEPTEMBER 20**, we will take a moment to introduce and recognize the new members and their families who have joined our Fellowship in the past few months. Join us in celebration of the unique energy each person brings to our community.

If you've been considering membership, you can learn more from our Membership and Welcoming Committee chair Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or [jomaseberg@gmail.com](mailto:jomaseberg@gmail.com), or ask Rev Michael Nelson. His office hours are posted on page 2 of this newsletter.



**UUFM is a  
WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at [www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml](http://www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml)

In Ronald Knapp's book *Of Life Immense*, he writes, "The prophetic vision of Walt Whitman finds the 'hinge of history' in the present. 'The hinge of history is located in the most concrete person, in the most concrete location, at the most concrete moment in time.'" Rev Knapp, a long time friend, provider of sermons to UUFM members and friends, is inspired to find "turning points, pivots" for people to find the sacred in the present "and to find the meaning of our lives in it."



When I write these musings I am not interested in detailing all the things I have done or will do as a minister in the past or upcoming months. This approach tends to lock a minister's column in the past or the present which seldom turns us toward the sacred in this moment. While this sense of profound connection can be found in the past it must be brought into the now of our lives, the "now of our immortal lives," sharing what is most important for our lives today. While I share this lofty mission with Knapp and Whitman I know how easy it is to let the "to do list" regiment my life; squeeze the zest out of living, making me critical of what I and other people do. The incessant mind allows little room for the lover to luxuriate in the profound.

I look forward to musing on these columns because it is a reminder of how much I need to find a hinge that allows the door of meaning to swing open for me and for others who are interested in deepening their search for what brings a sense of the eternal to each second. As a student of Whitman I know how hard that can be to do in a few words. While I love Emily Dickinson and envy her economy, I am more like Whitman,

*"I am he who tauntingly compels men, women, nations,  
Crying, Leap from your seats and contend for your lives!"*

I believe this is a rallying cry of Unitarian Universalism. It is in this dynamic of living in the now with one another with fresh mind and tender hearts that gives us opportunity to live freely and democratically; where we find unbounded creativity as our unending source of inspiration. It is a gift for which I feel immensely grateful. I do not give myself to this page as something to rush through and get done. Like

Whitman, "I will accept nothing which all cannot have their counterpart of on the same terms."

I am thankful for each and every one of you unique individuals who form this lively and compassionate community. May we proceed with brio in this grand procession of life.

*Michael*

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### REVEREND MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, September	2 - 12 to 2 pm
Thursday, September	3 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, September	8 - 4 to 6 pm
Thursday, September	10 - 5 to 7 pm
Wednesday, September	16 - 12 to 2 pm
Thursday, September	17 - 4 to 7 pm
Wednesday, September	23 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday, September	24 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday, September	30 - 3 to 5 pm

During office hours, contact 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.



MICHAEL NELSON SHARES A STORY WITH RE STUDENTS DURING THE SUNDAY PROGRAM ON AUGUST 16, 2009

# RE NEWS

## REFLECTIONS - MARIA SNYDER, DRE, AUGUST 29, 2009



August has been really busy, with school enrollment, school shopping and the beginning of class for my kids and me. I am very excited for the curricula that we are beginning in our classrooms. This year our theme is *Learning about our UU Identity*. We will be adding a classroom this year, the split will be Pre-K, K-2, 3-4, and 5th and up.

We are using two new and exciting curricula. For the 3rd and 4th grade we are using *Spirit of Adventure*. These lessons are written for active kids, they will play and learn at the same time. With the older kids, our tweens and teens, we are using *Listening Between the Lines*, where we will consider ideas about UU Identity by responding to music.

*WE STILL NEED A FEW MORE HANDS ...* if you want to be a classroom helper or teacher please let me know. You can sign up for one Sunday or as many as you like. Additionally, we could use help cleaning and organizing classrooms from time to time.

On a personal note, I am very excited about my classes this semester. I have gone through lots of growth and transition in the last year and there seems to be no end to it. My classes this semester will continue to push these changes. The class that is most meaningful to my job and future goals is a course titled Religion and Culture, where our final project will be making a documentary about religion today.

Our *Popcorn Theology* group welcomed some new folks last week and saw some scheduling conflicts as the new school year came upon us. In order to accommodate the schedules of our regular attendees we will be changing to [every other] Friday night. We will stay on track with the movies. The next movie is *Hotel Rwanda* [on Sept 11]. The lesson is Hope Against All Odds. Parents are strongly encouraged to join their kids in movies, especially if your kids will have difficulty with the subject matter or if you want to be there for the questions, or to gauge their reactions.

I learned a lot at leadership school and have many new ideas. If you would like to meet with me to hear more about that let me know and I will be happy to make an appointment time, or just drop in during my office hours [seen at right]. As usual if your kids are in need of a ride on Sundays let me know and we will organize a ride for them.

*Maria*

## TEENS - POPCORN THEOLOGY

Teens, tweens, and parents are invited to join us for Popcorn Theology on a new night--every other Friday, at 6 pm. On **SEPTEMBER 11**, we'll watch *Hotel Rwanda*, and consider how indifference and inaction can lead to injustice, while exploring ways we can live our sixth Principle ... to "promote peace, liberty, and justice for all." *Due to the topic and violence in this film, parents are encouraged to view with their kid(s) to answer questions that may come up and to gauge how your child(ren) respond to the film.*

On **SEPTEMBER 25**, we'll watch *Jurassic Park*, and consider the ethical implications of scientific advancement. Invite your friends! Learn more about Popcorn Theology from Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or [dre@uufm.net](mailto:dre@uufm.net)



## YOUTH CHOIR

The UUFM Youth Choir rehearses on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 6**, and **SEPTEMBER 20**, at 10:15 am, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). All kids who enjoy singing are invited. Learn more from Sarah Nuss-Warren at 537-3586 or [nusswarr@gmail.com](mailto:nusswarr@gmail.com)

## MARIA SNYDER'S SCHEDULE

In September, 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 [dre@uufm.net](mailto:dre@uufm.net)

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

UUFM Community Minister Reverend Thea Nietfeld facilitates a **DIVORCE AND SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP** in the Fellowship's New Sanctuary, at 7 pm, on Tuesday SEPTEMBER 8, and SEPTEMBER 22. Fellowship members and those from the wider community, women and men, gay and straight, all are welcome. Learn more from Thea at 918 207-2444 or okiethoreau@yahoo.com

The **MAPJ MONTHLY FILM SERIES** continues in September with the showing of *Anthrax War*, in two parts, on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 8, at 6:30 pm, in the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium, and on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 9, at 8 pm, in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. The film will be moderated both nights by Eric Nadler co-director of the film. Learn more from Christopher Renner at 770-8309 or renner@ksu.edu

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP** meets Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 9, at 12 noon, in the Living Room of the Main Building at the Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center. Learn more from Florence Schwab at 539-0976 or fschwab@cox.net

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers around the Fellowship fire pit on Friday, SEPTEMBER 18, to participate in a special worldwide drumming event, "10 Billion Beats" ([www.10billionbeats.com](http://www.10billionbeats.com)) fostering positive focus on peace in the world. Please come early, so we can begin drumming at exactly 7 pm with everyone in our time zone. Groups and individuals will begin drumming all around the planet at 7 pm, local time. We have instruments to share. Join us, and invite your friends and family, to help reach the 10 Billion Beats goal for peace. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

Reverend Michael Nelson leads **MEDITATION** practice on Thursday, SEPTEMBER 17, in the new sanctuary, at 5:30 pm, before our regular Third Thursday meal. Come take a deep breathe after a long day, and then join us for supper. Learn more from Michael at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

**THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER** gathers on SEPTEMBER 17, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). This is not a potluck. Those attending may bring a dish to share, but it is not required. Just bring your smile, family and friends and join us for supper and conversation! Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

This month, the UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** reads *Stormy Weather*, by Paulette Jiles. The group gathers at 7 pm, on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 30, at the Hacker residence, in Manhattan. All interested Fellowship members and friends are encouraged to join us for congenial and thoughtful discussion. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

## RECEPTION FOR JOSH STEIBER

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The UUFM Social Action Committee hosts a reception for conscientious objector and activist Josh Steiber on Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 9**, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's New Sanctuary. Josh speaks at about 7:30 pm. Members and friends will remember Josh when he was here in the spring, when he was awarded Conscientious Objector status from the Army. Since then he has been walking the East Coast of the US telling his story and meeting with religious and peace organizations. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne\_cowan@sbcglobal.net

## UUFM AUTUMN WORK DAY

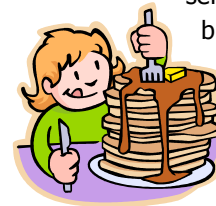
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Join us on Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 19** (September 26 in case of rain) for UUFM's Fall Work Day. We'll start at 9 am. Lunch will be served at noon, and we'll finish up around 2 pm. If you have thoughts about projects that need attention, or would like to learn more about projects already scheduled, please ask Grounds chair Sylvia Beeman; Building chair Tom Manney; Aesthetics Committee chair Lorrie Cross; or, if you can help with lunch, ask Social Committee chair Courtney Markle. Additional information will be posted on the Yahoo Listserv and on the bulletin board opposite the coat rack. *We need all the help we can get!* Our Facilities Committee chair Mark Moser, can help you find the Work Day job to match your talents. Learn more from Mark at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com

## PANCAKE BRUNCH

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The UUFM Social Committee requests the pleasure of your presence following the morning program, on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 13**. We will serve a scrumptious pancake brunch including pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. This is a fundraising event. Suggested donation amount is \$5 for adults, and \$1 for children. Proceeds benefit the UUFM General Operations fund. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Learn more, and find out how you can help with this important event, from Elke Lorenz, 539-3527 or ellorenz@earthlink.net



## UUFM SINGERS

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The Choir rehearses on Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 19**, 1:30 to 3 pm, and Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 20**, at 9:30 am, in the new sanctuary. Learn more from Music chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

# SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

## VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

Our Welcoming and Membership Committee is in the process of recruiting one or two additional **REFRESHMENT AND GREETING TEAMS**, as well as substitute volunteers to fill in when a team member is unable to attend. 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 or four Sundays during the year. 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, **SEPTEMBER 4** and **SEPTEMBER 18**, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**, occasionally, to fill in when regular servers 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 **FLINT HILLS AREA AGENCY ON AGING** is seeking volunteer Medicare insurance counselors to provide free, unbiased and confidential assistance to beneficiaries, caregivers and others with questions about Medicare. Volunteers will help people understand, compare, and enroll in Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, and are primarily active during the annual enrollment period from Nov 15 to Dec 31. The agency is specifically seeking those with experience with seniors, and retired health care professionals. Learn more from Karen Mayse at 776-9294 or kmayse@ncfhaaa.com

## HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month our Social Action Committee designates an agency or association to receive the morning offerings. On Sunday **SEPTEMBER 13**, our morning collection will go to the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER**, which provides short term housing for individuals and families in need. Donations enable the center to provide food, shelter, clothing, life skills education and other emergency needs.

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 Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

## 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 be purchased for your own use, or donated to families seeking help through Shepherd's Crossing.

## CASA FALL TRAINING

Sunflower CASA Project fall sessions begin Monday, **SEPTEMBER 14**, from 6 to 9 pm, at the Alan Lee Center, 621 Humboldt, in Manhattan, and continues each Monday night through October 26 (with the exception of Monday, October 5). Independent study training is available for those unable to attend Monday sessions. Learn more at sunfcasa@interkan.net or 537-6367, or visit <http://casa.manhattanks.org>. There is a child waiting for your voice--become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for a neglected child in the court system.

## SEPTEMBER SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next UUFM Social Action Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 9**, at 5:30 pm, at the fellowship. Learn more from Yvonne Lacy at 539-4404 or socialjustice@uufm.net



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.

I have lived my life looking for answers, but I have con-



cluded that there are only questions. Since the beginning of human consciousness, men and women looked at the wonder of our surroundings, the great beauty of earth and sky, and asked, what is this?

What am I? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Why is there anything at all? Even as we learn more from science, the answers are still elusive.

At first glance we readily accept the orderly structure of matter attained by assembling protons, neutrons and electrons into the stable elements that make up our earth and its living plants and animals. But, as we learn more about the physics of elementary particles and the potential for variance with our anti-universe and among other universes in multiple, unseen dimensions, we can be less sure that we will ever reach full understanding. Our hunger for answers just grows.

Fortunately, as a Unitarian Universalist I know that I can ask these questions. Nevertheless, the answers are purely academic as long as I can find comfort in the unity and the interrelatedness of everything: energy, matter, life, intelligence, the beauty of our fragile planet. The answer, the reason for our being, really is that we have a responsibility to protect it all and to live harmoniously within. To not do so is to reject the incredible chance of our being here. If we don't protect our one chance here, our lives won't mean anything at all. Why are we here? I don't know. I just know that I have lots of questions.

*Brice Hobrock*, UUFM Executive Board Chair

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

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### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

The Executive Board meets Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 10**, 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](mailto:bhobrock@uufm.net)

### ***MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE***

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Reverend Michael Nelson facilitates a mid-week service for Meadowlark Hills residents, at 3 pm, on Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 16**, in Wroten House, on the second floor of the new building. For the secure code to enter Wroten House, or to learn more about monthly UU services at Meadowlark Hills, ask Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or [koldfather@yahoo.com](mailto:koldfather@yahoo.com)

### ***ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC REPORT***

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*UUFM Social Committee member Shirley Hobrock worked tirelessly organizing our recent UUFM Potluck Picnic in the City Park on August 22. Shirley offers this report on the event:*

We had a beautiful evening for a picnic gathering Saturday night, August 22. About sixty people came with food in hand and plenty to talk about. Dan Swenson couldn't cook the brats and burgers fast enough. Many stayed late and others took off for the concert in the City Park afterwards. I think we have found a good time in the summer for our annual picnic.



## GREETING AND REFRESHMENT TEAMS

- Sept 6: June and Charley Kempthorne, Brock Dale, Jack Warren, and Anne Cowan
- Sept 13: **PANCAKE BRUNCH**  
*Social Committee / Volunteers*
- Sept 20: Abigail Conrad, Steve Shelton, Thea Niefeld, and Diane Barker
- Sept 27: Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson, Sarah and Bryan Severns, and Sarah Nuss-Warren

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 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 teams! We're still recruiting additional teams! Learn more from Welcoming and Membership Committee chair Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or jo.maseberg@gmail.com

### Administrator's Schedule

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

- Tuesday, Sept 1 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Sept 3 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Sept 7 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 8 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Sept 10 - 4 to 7 pm
- Monday, Sept 14 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 15 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Sept 17 - 4 to 9 pm
- Thursday, Sept 24 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, Sept 26 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, Sept 28 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 29 - 12 to 5 pm

Call Susan 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. View UU World 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 form from the information rack in our narthex.

## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING** with announcements and information 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 or bjhacker@networksplus.net

## 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

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

## ***A BIRTHDAY NOTE ...***

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Founding Fellowship member **ABRAHAM EISENSTARK** celebrates his 90th birthday this month, on September 5. Abe, his wife Roma, and their children Dave, Doug, and Romalyn were integrally involved in the very beginnings of Unitarianism in Manhattan, Kansas. The earliest still existing documentation of the Unitarian Fellowship of Manhattan (*before the 1961 merger of Unitarians and Universalists*), is a check for our use of the College Hill School building, signed by Abe, and dated December 2, 1956. Abe's children have set up a web site in celebration of Abe's remarkable life, so far, at [www.AbeEisenstark.com](http://www.AbeEisenstark.com) Old friends may contact Abe at [eisenstarka@missouri.edu](mailto:eisenstarka@missouri.edu)



## **NEW ART OPENING AND EXHIBIT**

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The Aesthetics Committee is pleased to announce a call for artists to submit collages for the September UUFM Art Opening and Exhibit, to be held following the Third Thursday Soup Supper on September 17. A collage may be any art that is created by bringing together into a single composition a number of different pictures, or parts of pictures, or other fairly two-dimensional materials (fabric, flower petals, torn paper, beach glass, etc), as well as digital photo montages. You be the judge. Of course, children's art is always welcome and encouraged. All art must be ready to hang with wire or hooks, and may be sold at the artist's discretion.

The deadline for art submission is Sunday, September 13. If unable to attend that Sunday, you may drop your art off at the Fellowship during Michael Nelson, Maria Snyder, or Susan Turner's office hours, before September 13. Please include a note with artist's name, contact information, price (if for sale), and title, so that placards may be made for each piece. We will not be hanging any artwork after the deadline.

The collages will replace our current fiber art display. If you have art to pick up, it will be available anytime after the service on the September 6, and will be taken down on September 13. The collages will be on exhibit approximately 3 months.

Please contact Kim Belanger at 587-8107 or [kgardenbelanger@yahoo.com](mailto:kgardenbelanger@yahoo.com) as soon as possible if you are interested or intrigued, or have questions about hanging your masterpiece.

## ***COMING SOON! GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION***

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UUFM will hold a Goods and Services Auction on Saturday evening, October 24. Get ready for an evening of socializing with wine and cheese, and a chance to get some real bargains. In a good and services auction, members and friends offer their skills and talents for sale to benefit the fellowship. Offerings can be in a concrete form, but are most commonly promises to supply the work later. Lots already donated to this years auction include

- Pot of Chili--With one weeks notice I will prepare for you a pot of homemade chili suitable as a meal for four. Carnivore or vegetarian, Two alarm and hotter. [\$10 minimum bid]
- Knitting and/or spinning lessons. Details coming.
- An antique spinning wheel. Traditional Brazilian spinning wheel.
- Language lessons. Details coming.



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