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**OCTOBER 2009 PROGRAMS**

**OCTOBER 4 "UUFM'S INTERDEPENDENT WEB OF EXISTENCE"**

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "There are many ways we celebrate what it means to be a progressive religious community. How do we articulate what the sources of our individual and collective inspiration are? How can we do this more synergistically? How do we encourage progress and honor our heritage?" Contact Michael at 913 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

**OCTOBER 11 "SPECIAL THEORY OF CREATIVITY"**

Peter Cohen, author and retired Associate Professor of English at Kansas State University, will explore his personal views on the nature of the creative process. He will describe his attempts to discover the source of the creative urge and the nesting site for incubation and development of artistic creativity, as well as his personal struggle towards creative expression. Contact/convener is Dick Beeman at 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net

**OCTOBER 18 "ON BECOMING AND BEING A PIANIST"**

KSU Professor Slawomir Dobrzanski describes his life as a pianist, from young student to professional musician. We'll learn about his daily routine and the process of preparing for a public performance. Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

**OCTOBER 25 "THE PROMISE OF DIVERSITY"**

In the last decade the Unitarian Universalist Association and many of its churches have focused on developing multi-cultural and ethnic congregations. What have we done in the last decade to achieve this goal in our Fellowship? Rev Michael Nelson and DRE Maria Snyder will offer their insights into this vital challenge. Contact Michael at 913 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

*Sunday, October 25, is **BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY !!!**  
Please invite friends, family members, and colleagues  
who might be interested to join you for our Sunday program.*

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

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**UU 101:  
EXPLORING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM**

Reverend Michael Nelson and the Fellowship's Welcoming and Membership Committee host a four-part series of introductory classes geared toward new members, and anyone who would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregational community. All are welcome! Classes meet **Oct 25, Nov 1, Nov 8, and Nov 15**, following Sunday services, at 12:20 pm, in the new sanctuary. Learn more from Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net



**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)

*"It's not the symphony of voices in sweet concert I enjoy, but the cacophony of democracy, the brouhahas and the donnybrooks, the full throated roar of a free people busy using their right to freedom of speech."* Molly Ivins' words urge me to remember that vital congregations encourage the unique voice in each of us to rise and be heard. I try to practice what



I preach, but find myself in the real world with a brother-in-law who worships Rush Limbaugh. Often I'm unable to respect his social, cultural, political perspective ... Most recently his thoughts on health care enraged me to the point of yelling ... I've learned mostly to not engage in discussions which rocket me into the realm of rage. I've gotten much better at avoiding temptation, but when I'm exhausted I sometimes can't resist attack. I can always rationalize my behavior, but in my heart the sharp pain of disappointment jabs.

When we meet after one of these explosions we are always civil. He has helped my parents so many times that I know the side of him which is kind and helpful. I also know his mother had an acute case of bi-polar disorder which made for a jangled family life where the expression of love was inconsistent. As decades pass he has become accepting of LGBT reality. Chuck and he get along well. Chuck feels little need to argue with him. I guess his many years of working with prosecutors and judges who often failed to acknowledge the humanity at the center of their work has made him wary of wasting energy on trying to convince somebody that each person should be treated with dignity.

So here's the catch: "How do you remain respectful, even love someone you disagree with on so many fundamental issues?" I admit that sometimes it feels impossible. As the business manager of a health care clinic for twelve years, I experienced the stress the insurance industry placed on our idealistic clinic. Our mission was to help a patient feel better from the moment they called our offices for their first appointment. Problems were analyzed by asking, "Will this help the patient?" For me, good health care rates as a fundamental right. I've seen compassionate care of the individual as relatives in Canada and Sweden have aged and died. I can barely listen to some of the debates on health care reform, the town hall meeting ruckus, without becoming livid. Sometimes I'm infuriated by the indifference to the plight of those who have inadequate health care. In these moments I do not feel respectful. I feel like screaming

but I know that only escalates the problem. So I turn to Pema Chodron, the Tibetan Buddhist teacher, and try to understand her guidance to make friends with my enemies. This has helped over time, because I understand that the problem is within me. I have to understand myself, the source of my hatred, so that an expanded heartmind leads me toward loving kindness. This work does not cease, but it is the good work of living in a democracy and being a Unitarian Universalist.

Theodore Parker, one of our most visionary Unitarian forebears said, *"Democracy means not I am as good as you are, but you are as good as I am."* This focus on equality requires humility.

May we all be blessed with the humility that does not stifle the democratic spirit.

*Michael*

## REVEREND MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Thursday,	October	1 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	October	7 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	October	8 - 4 to 7 pm
Wednesday,	October	14 - 12 to 2 pm
Thursday,	October	15 - 4 to 7 pm
Wednesday,	October	21 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	October	22 - 1 to 3 pm
Wednesday,	October	28 - 12 to 2 pm
Thursday,	October	29 - 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.

October 9 and 10, Michael will be serving as coordinator at the PSD Southern Cluster Retreat, at Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center, east of Linwood, Kansas. *Learn more about the Retreat on page 6 of this newsletter.* On Sunday, October 18, Michael will be with our K-2nd grade RE class. On Wednesday, October 28, at 12:20 pm he will co-present, with Barbara Pearson, a SafeZone discussion: *Fighting for a Life--GLBTQ Individuals and Suicide Risk*, in the K-State Union, room 206.

# RE NEWS

## REFLECTIONS - MARIA SNYDER, DRE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009



September has seen the beginning of our new curricula. This year's theme is *Our UU Identity*. After attending leadership school I have thought lots about my UU Identity and recently read a well-written statement by a member of another congregation on the subject. Feeling inspired, I thought I'd write one of my own.

I found Unitarian Universalism by accident. I was raised Roman Catholic and struggled to be a good Catholic for many years. About ten years ago I began a search for something I could believe in. I found paganism and identified with much of what I read. I wanted a place where I could learn more from people, not just books. I was missing the community and experience of church. Plus, being new to paganism, I wanted to know if I was doing it right. I wanted a place where I could ask questions.

I had a hard time finding that place. Many pagans are solitary. Others practice in covens. Covens aren't public. You can't look them up in the phone book and say where and when do you meet. So how does a person find them, I wondered. I started searching the Internet until I came across Gaia Community, a UU Pagan Congregation. On their website I found the Seven Principles. This was something I could believe in. For the sake of space I will just address a couple here.

The inherent worth and dignity of every person--One of my professors said it best on the first day of class with 400 students. "Everyone in this room knows something you don't know." I am made different by every person that I come across as they imprint me with that which is special to them. I value the unique knowledge and experience that each person has which makes up the unique person that they are.

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning--I was often told that we as people were supposed to act a certain way because that is what it said in the Bible. My response has always been, your god gave me free will and I intend to use it. A mind is a terrible thing to waste. I will not waste mine by blindly following anything. "Question Everything" reads my favorite bumper sticker and it has become a motto in my religious search. I have found many truths and am still filling my life with meaning. I am fulfilled by my search for truth and meaning.

It is my hope that this year will inspire our kids to find why they are Unitarian Universalists.

*Maria*

## YOUTH CHOIR

The UUFM Youth Choir rehearses on Sunday, **OCTOBER 4**, and **OCTOBER 18**, at 10:15 am, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). All kids are invited. Learn more from Sarah Nuss-Warren at 537-3586 or nusswarr@gmail.com

## TEENS - POPCORN THEOLOGY

Teens, tweens, and parents are invited to join us for Popcorn Theology every other Friday, at 6 pm. On **OCTOBER 9**, we'll watch the mystical/historical Kevin Costner film, *Dances with Wolves*.

On **OCTOBER 23**, we'll view the magical fantasy *Willow*. Invite your friends! Learn more about Popcorn Theology from DRE Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net



## CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS REQUESTED

The one-year anniversary of our hiring a new Director of Religious Education (DRE), Maria Snyder, is fast approaching. To facilitate a first year evaluation, your constructive feedback is solicited. Feedback must be submitted in writing and may be placed in the Religious Education or Chair mailbox above the coat rack or emailed to RE committee co-chairs Kathleen Tanona at kmtanona@hotmail.com, Sandy Nelson at sandralounelson@yahoo.com, or Chair Brice Hobrock at bhobrock@uufm.net. Your comments must be received by November 1. A summarization of comments received will be presented to the Executive Board at the December 10 meeting.

## MARIA SNYDER'S SCHEDULE

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

Friday,	October	2 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	October	6 - 9 am to 12 pm
Friday,	October	9 - 3 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	October	13 - 9 am to 12 pm
Friday,	October	16 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	October	20 - 9 am to 12 pm
Friday,	October	23 - 3 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	October	27 - 9 am to 12 pm
Friday,	October	30 - 2 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 Fellowship's large RE room. 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 first in a series of four **RIGHT RELATIONS STUDY GATHERINGS**, facilitated by Rev Thea Nietfeld, will meet on Saturday, OCTOBER 3, from 10 to 11:30 am, in the Fellowship's New Sanctuary. Learn more on *page 8* of this newsletter.

UUFM Community Minister Reverend Thea Nietfeld facilitates a **DIVORCE AND SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP** in the Fellowship's New Sanctuary, at 7 pm, on Monday, OCTOBER 5. 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 thean@k-state.edu

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP** meets Wednesday, OCTOBER 9, at 12 noon, at Harry's, in the Wareham Building, 418 Poyntz Avenue, in Manhattan. Learn more from Florence Schwab at 539-0976 or fschwab@cox.net

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, OCTOBER 9, at 7 pm, around the UU fire pit, or inside the Fellowship building in the event of rain. UUFM members, guests, and community people of all ages are welcome. We drum, sing and dance and are learning some new songs. Bring you favorite instrument, or there are also plenty of instruments available to borrow. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

Reverend Michael Nelson leads **MEDITATION** practice on Thursday, OCTOBER 15, 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 OCTOBER 15, 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 great conversation! Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

This month, the UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** reads *Peace Like a River*, by Leif Enger. The group gathers at 7 pm, on Wednesday, OCTOBER 28, at the Franz residence, in Manhattan. All interested Fellowship members and friends are encouraged to join us for congenial and thoughtful discussion. Learn more from Terri Franz at 537-2291 or terrijfranz@sbcglobal.net

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FORUM

Join us to discuss the Fellowship's Emergency Preparedness Guide in the Inez Alsop room, at 12:15 pm, after the Sunday service on **OCTOBER 4**. Contact Sue Turner, at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net for a hard copy, or download and print the Guide from our Website at www.uufm.net. Click the "Documents" button on the home page to find the Emergency Preparedness Guide link. Everyone is encouraged to attend to become familiar with this important document and to ask questions. Ask Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net to learn more.

## CIRCLE DINNERS

Monthly Circle Dinners resume on **OCTOBER 31**, when we'll gather for a meal with a Halloween theme! Participants may sign up on the sheet posted on the Announcement board in the Fellowship's narthex. Choose to host a dinner, or attend as a guest. Hosts will make arrangements with guests to determine what dish each person brings. Learn more from Enell Foerster at 537-0977, or Anne Marchin at 539-3026.

## UUFM SINGERS

The Choir rehearses on Sunday, **OCTOBER 18**, and **OCTOBER 25**, at 9:30 am, in the new sanctuary. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

## GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION

UUFM will hold a Goods and Services Auction on Saturday, **OCTOBER 24**. Socializing starts at 6 pm, and the action begins at 7 pm. In a good and services auction, Fellowship members and friends offer their skills and talents for sale to benefit UUFM. Offerings can be in a concrete form, but are most commonly promises to supply the work later. Lots already donated to this year's auction include a lo-cavore (everything locally grown) dinner for 8; lessons in Tai Chi, Yoga, violin; a Brain Gym seminar; childcare; shrubbery pruning; full body massage; garden design; a sailboat outing; ravioli cooking lessons; and more! To learn more, pick up a flyer from the information table at the Fellowship, or ask Kathleen Oldfather, Elke Lorenz, or David and Melissa McKee at 320-7657 or lissa\_717@yahoo.com

Please complete the donation form below if you have an item or idea to donate, and give it to Melissa, David, Elke, or Kathleen, or put completed form in the "Auction Form" tray above the coat-rack. Later in the month *we will have partial lot lists and invitations available, so invite your family and friends!* Remember to list a minimum bid covering your cost, so that both you and the bidder will receive a tax credit.

**Item Description:** UUFM Goods and Services Auction, October 2009

Item Name	Donated by	
Item Description	Purchased by	<i>to be filled in following auction</i>
	Minimum Bid	
	Selling Bid	<i>to be filled in following auction</i>

# SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

## VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

RE students have created a beautiful box to collect donations for the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER**. Many small items are needed, such as disposable razors, deodorant, ibuprofen, pacifiers, nail clippers, and kids' socks. Due to recent state budget cuts, FOOD is most needed at this time. A list of required food items will be posted monthly on the bulletin board. Yvonne Lacy at 539-4404 or socialjustice@uufm.net

Our Welcoming and Membership Committee is seeking a few volunteers to fill in on our **REFRESHMENT AND GREETING TEAMS**, when a team member is unable to attend. 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 will prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS** on Friday, OCTOBER 2, OCTOBER 16, and OCTOBER 30, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in front of the coatrack. 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 at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com

The **FLINT HILLS AREA AGENCY ON AGING** is seeking volunteer Medicare insurance counselors to provide unbiased, confidential assistance to beneficiaries, caregivers and others with questions about Medicare. Volunteers will help people understand and enroll in Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, and are primarily active 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@ncfhaa.com

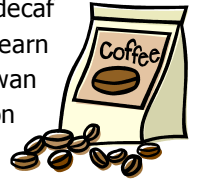
## HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month our Social Action Committee designates an agency or association to receive the morning offerings. On Sunday **OCTOBER 11**, our morning collection will benefit **GAMMA RHO LAMBDA**, the sorority founded by Chelsey Fritch. Gamma Rho Lambda will be sponsoring a LGBT conference in November and the collection will assist with supporting this important conference.

All cash contributions and checks placed in the offering basket on the second Sunday of the month 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.

## LEARN BY TEACHING

If you are interested in teaching high school and older students about nonviolence principles through conversation and activities, let's talk. UUFM Community Minister Rev Thea Nietfeld is seeking three volunteers to lead one of four planned sessions. Classes will meet at UFM, 1221 Thurston, during the Season for Nonviolence--January thru March 2010. Materials are provided and Rev Nietfeld is experienced with the curriculum. Thea will meet with you beforehand, for program and session development. Interested individuals should contact Thea as soon as possible, so that she can publicize this UU-sponsored non-violence course. She may be reached at 918 207-2444 or thean@ksu.edu



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.

Threats are always with us, but excessive worry just increases anxiety. Be prepared and take reasonable



precautions but don't dwell on what "might happen." I know, this is the season of H1N1 flu and all the usual seasonal unpleasant ailments. Get your regular flu shot and the H1N1 if you are eligible, wash your hands, stay out of crowds, sneeze

into your elbow, etc. But, be sure to continue to attend the Fellowship where your inspirational, healthy friends will be. How better to keep a positive attitude than to mingle and play with your UUFM colleagues?

Our *Emergency Preparedness Guide* was designed to make us aware of safety concerns in our Fellowship. Who would have anticipated the sick raccoon in the parking lot, and what to do? The *Guide* anticipated this. Thinking about threats ahead of time helps us to react quickly to unexpected situations. What would you do if an intruder appears on the grounds? What if someone experiences a serious, sudden illness during services? Our wonderful growth of young children in the RE program leads us to think about their safety at all times.

Would you like to take Red Cross CPR training? CPR procedures have changed significantly recently; to resuscitate a fallen person no longer requires mouth to mouth contact, e.g. Enell Foerster has arranged a Red Cross CPR class for eight persons for late October for us. Talk to me or to Elke if you would like to be included.

*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, **OCTOBER 8**, 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 Board Chair Brice Hobrock at 776-3175 or [bhobrock@uufm.net](mailto:bhobrock@uufm.net)

### ***KOINONIA PECANS***

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Koinonia is a multi-racial farm community founded in 1942. Located in Americus, Georgia, it is the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity, Fuller Center for Housing, and other ministries. The mission of this cooperative community is to offer opportunities for spiritual renewal and to work for social justice by participating in projects fostering peace and reconciliation throughout the world. Each year, as Koinonia farm's pecan harvest comes in, Fellowship member Enell Foerster coordinates orders for those interested in supporting the community, and purchasing their fresh, organic pecan products (shelled pecan pieces, dark and milk chocolate pecan bark, and a variety of delicious pecan cakes and candies). Learn more from *Enell* at 537-0977 or [foer@kansas.net](mailto:foer@kansas.net)

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING**

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The UUFM Emergency Preparedness Committee is providing an opportunity for Fellowship members and friends to take a Red Cross First Aid and CPR class, to be offered at the American Red Cross classroom, 2601 Anderson Avenue, in Manhattan. Arrangements have been made for eight Fellowship participants to attend at the end of October. First Aid training will be offered on a weekday afternoon, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. CPR training will also be offered on a weekday, from 1 to 5 pm. Total cost for the course is \$20, and includes the book *Community First Aid and CPR*. Arrangements could also be made for a full day on Saturday covering both sections, but we have been advised that it is generally better to break up the sessions.

Those interested in participating should contact Enell Foerster at 537-0977 or [foer@kansas.net](mailto:foer@kansas.net). Please indicate what days of the week would be convenient for you, to assist us in planning the class. If a large number of people are interested, a second class will be planned.

### ***PSD SOUTHERN CLUSTER RETREAT***

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Each year, the Prairie Star District's Southern Cluster (UU groups from Kansas and western Missouri) hosts a rustic retreat to facilitate fellowship between local congregations. October 9 thru 11, at Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center, the PSD Southern Cluster offers a variety of adult and supervised children's activities, including Rev Michael Nelson's workshop *Autobiography of the Soul*, and *Storytelling* with Rev Lisa R Schwartz. Informational flyers and registration forms are available from the information rack in the narthex, or register on-line at <https://www.psduua.org/prairiestore/SouthernClusterRetreat>



## GREETING AND REFRESHMENT TEAMS

- Oct 4: Alley Stoughton, Terrie Becerra,  
Jo and Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson
- Oct 11: Cathy Hedge, Carolyn Ferguson,  
Mark Mayfield, Dan and Kathy  
Swenson
- Oct 18: Ana Franklin, Pat Embers,  
Emily Ragan, Eric Banner
- Oct 25: Betty Banner, Bernd and Enell  
Foerster, Mike and Laura Bonella,  
Colina and Stew Stanton

Coffee and greeting teams consist of one leader/coordinator, and three or four friends to help provide Sunday morning greeting and refreshments. Teams sign up for only three Sundays each year. We hope this organizational method will allow those with limited time to find a satisfying way to support the Fellowship.

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

- Thursday, October 1 - 12 to 5 pm  
Monday, October 5 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, October 6 - 12 to 5 pm  
Thursday, October 8 - 4 to 7 pm  
Monday, October 12 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, October 13 - 12 to 5 pm  
Thursday, October 15 - 4 to 9 pm  
Thursday, October 22 - 12 to 5 pm  
Saturday, October 24 - 11 am to 6 pm  
Monday, October 26 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, October 27 - 12 to 5 pm  
Thursday, October 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 ask 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. UU World is also available on audiotape, for those with visual or reading difficulties. Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net. Read UU World online: 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

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

## TOWARD A COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS for the UU Fellowship of Manhattan, Fall 2009

### FROM REV MICHAEL NELSON:

*As our Fellowship brims with activity it becomes increasingly important for us to have a set of guidelines that help us be proactive about possible conflict. Rev Nietfeld will conduct four sessions that will help our community move forward in identifying the values, to give shape and meaning to guidelines that will deepen the vitality of our Fellowship. The more people who assist in this process, the stronger the foundation for the support of shared lives will be. Please attend and help us become better peacemakers.*

### INTENTION:

That a proposed Covenant of Right Relations be presented to the Board at its December meeting for review and possible recommendation to the congregation for adoption. This covenant will include members' intentions in relationships and conflict and a process for accountability and resolution/reconciliation.

### RATIONALE:

As self-governing, democratic, spiritually focused associations, Unitarian Universalist congregations are bound by members' covenants and processes developed by members for their own use.

UU congregations have found covenants of right relations to be helpful as a link between our stated values and purposes and our behavior within the congregation.

### PROCESS:

UUFM will hold four meetings for the purpose of developing this covenant proposal. Everyone is welcome and may attend one or all meetings. Rev Thea Nietfeld, UUFM Community Minister, will facilitate the meetings, using non-violence and consensus-building exercises and brainstorming questions. She will seek note-takers and covenant-drafters from among those who attend and will be responsible that the proposal that reaches the Board was developed through this open process.

### MEETING DATES:

Four sessions will be held on:

Saturday, October 3, at 10 am  
Thursday, November 5, at 7 pm  
Saturday, November 14, at 10 am  
Thursday, December 3, at 7 pm

Meetings will last no more than 1 1/2 hours. Participants are not required to attend all four sessions, and may choose the date, or dates, that are most convenient. Fellowship members and involved friends are encouraged join in this opportunity to help positively shape our community's future.

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### REV THEA NIETFELD, REV MICHAEL NELSON AND UUFM DRUMMERS PARTICIPATE IN THE RAISING OF A PEACE POLE AT UFM HOUSE, SPONSORED BY THE KSU CAMPAIGN FOR NON-VIOLENCE



LEFT: PAT EMBERS OFFERS A CLEANSING SAGE SMUDGE DURING THE DEDICATION ON SEPT 21, THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE.

RIGHT: DRUMMERS FROM UUFM AND THE MANHATTAN COMMUNITY STRIKE A BEAT.



RIGHT: REV THEA NIETFELD, UUFM COMMUNITY MINISTER, OFFERS SOME THOUGHTS ON THIS ACTION AFFIRMING AND PROMOTING PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE.

