



DECEMBER 2009 PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 6 "WAITING FOR THE LIGHT"

Reverend Michael Nelson muses, "Most of us feel the pull to do something we have put off or been told we couldn't do. There is no age limit to seeking the light, which guides us to fruition. Concentration, imagination and intuition can help us achieve what we believed to be impossible." Contact Michael at 913 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

*During this service, we'll welcome new members during a brief **NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**, celebrating the unique contributions of each individual within our Fellowship community.*

DECEMBER 13 INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY

Fellowship RE students take the lead this morning, guiding us on a search for UU identity. The program is based on the Wizard of Oz, as we continue our popular intergenerational Sunday programming series. Contact Director of Religious Education Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net

DECEMBER 20 "WHAT CHILD IS THIS?"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "In the rush to avoid commercialism or trying to navigate a sane balance between celebrating the holidays, we often forget the profundity of each child's birth; the glow of new life. On this day we will honor the emergence of new life." Contact Michael at 913 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

*During this service, we'll welcome one of our youngest and most recent Fellowship members, Elias Markle, in a brief **DEDICATION CEREMONY**.*

DECEMBER 24 "CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE"

Reverend Michael Nelson introduces a new Fellowship tradition at 8 pm, on Christmas Eve, when "We will share a vision of hope and peace, the guidance of starlight, the seeking of wisdom, and sing traditional carols. We will lift up joy!" Michael may be contacted at 913 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

DECEMBER 27 "LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD"

Members, friends, and visitors are invited to share their memories of the past year and their hopes for the next. All are encouraged to bring a reflection, story, poem, or song to share, or just come and listen to others'. Contact/convener is Steve Mull at 564-2150 or stevemull1@aol.com

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SUNDAY SERVICES
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at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD**

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WINTER RECEPTION AT MEADOWLARK

The Welcoming and Membership Committee hosts a *Winter Reception* for UUs of all ages. Join us in the Meadowlark Hills Community Room on Saturday, December 12, from 3 to 5 pm. If you're able, bring some cookies or a winter treat to share. Coffee, tea, water, and a meat and cheese tray will also be offered. Join us to play some fun games and get to know each other better! Learn more from Welcoming and Membership chair Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or welcome@uufm.net



UUFM is a **WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

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

When the impulse to apply to Starr King for a Masters in Divinity clarified into a need to understand the origins of



creation I felt free from the constraints to have a plan that had a practical outcome. An amorphous desire transformed into a vision. The yearning to know how things come into being, everything from apples to kittens to the moon, has guided me as long as I can recall. At Starr King I

realized that a unified life, one that wasn't fractured into parts, drove me to examine the nature of time and love. I found that I preferred Kairos, timelessness, instead of Chronos, chronological ordering. One morning during a class in the fireplace room I sensed that everything was alive. The walls, floors, ceiling and windows were in motion. The living knowledge of revolving protons and electrons induced a powerful experience of unity; a way to balance chronos with eternity. In this place of unity, I learned how love could become universal. In our highly sexualized culture I saw how one's love could expand to encompass all life rather than just one person.

In these first five years with you, I saw the need to deepen and widen our progressive community. I helped facilitate a process which would hire and integrate a DRE into our lives, introduced the concept of a "Helping Hands Sunday," explored new ways of generating funds to expand and intensify our evolution, such as the Goods and Services auction, helped lift up the arts in the Fellowship and promote the evolution of guidelines for Conflict Resolution and Right Relations. None of these goals could have happened without the partnering with members and friends willing to experiment and see what might happen.

In a journal from three and a half years ago, I quoted David Hockney, *"Love is the only serious subject."* Love requires living wisdom, not some abstraction which has no way of holding one accountable. Wisdom requires knowledge which requires experience and the contemplation of that experience so that it may reveal its essences. Two and a half years ago, after breaking my ankle in a lightning storm, I read Thoreau's *Walden* carefully. In his conclusion Thoreau exhorts, *"Be ... the Lewis and Clark of your own streams and oceans; explore your own higher latitudes ... be a Columbus to whole new continents and worlds within you ... It is not worth the while to go round the world to count the cats in Zanzibar ... explore thyself."*

During my sabbatical I plan to do most of my exploring at Three Oaks, where Charles, Maximum Kitty and Freja, an

abandoned, starving kitten who mewed her way into our lives, live. I want to research the Unitarian and Universalist Churches in Kansas that no longer exist with an eye toward what UUism in Kansas needs to expand into the future. I hope that the research provides insights to assist us in our vision for the qualitative and quantitative growth of our Fellowship. I will continue a writing project whose springboard is Thoreau's *Walden*. Charles and I are co-authoring a book called *"A Gay Couples Guide to Walden."* I/we will be reflecting on what it means to find the balance between simplicity and our increasingly complex world, between labor and leisure, creativity and repetitive daily tasks. This will take me into the work of David Grimm's beloved Emerson, who was a mentor to and benefactor of Thoreau. Between these two goals there is the call for renewal, meditation, and who knows what else, but in all this I will seek ways for compassion to teach me how to love life in every moment.

May love liberate us from the entrapment of tedium,

Michael

REVEREND MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, December	2 - 4 to 6 pm
Friday, December	4 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday, December	8 - 4 to 6 pm
Thursday, December	10 - 4 to 7 pm
Wednesday, December	16 - 12 to 2 pm
Thursday, December	17 - 2 to 4 pm
Tuesday, December	22 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday, December	23 - 12 to 2 pm
Tuesday, December	29 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday, December	30 - 12 to 2 pm

During office hours, contact Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. At other times, Michael may be reached at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net to arrange meetings, talk, or make an appointment.

TOWARD A COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS

Rev Thea Nietfeld facilitates as members and friends work together to develop a statement focusing our resources and energy into our promise to one another and the larger community. Join us on Thursday, **DECEMBER 3**, at 7 pm, in the new sanctuary, when we'll draft the wording of our statement. Learn more from Thea at 918 207-2444 or thean@ksu.edu

RE NEWS

REFLECTIONS - MARIA SNYDER, DRE, NOVEMBER 26, 2009



As the semester wraps up I am definitely seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. For me November meant Chapter status and the Out and Greek National Leadership Conference for Gamma Rho Lambda, research on LGBT and Religion and comparing traditional parenting books to those written for gay parents, a paper on feminist philosophy and a test in Osteology for my

classes. It has meant my one year at the Fellowship. Coming up on the anniversary of my hire date I was concerned about the things that I did not get done, now looking back I have realized that indeed we have gotten a lot accomplished and I am feeling inspired about the coming year.

In the coming year I would like to finally facilitate the new teacher training class that I have produced. I will continue to do three intergenerational programs per year, and I will continue to start projects for the youth in the Fellowship. I am excited about what we have done over the last year and what that work will mean for the coming year.

This month we will be doing an intergenerational program. This is the third program that we have done and we have learned from our past services. Our program this month will be based on the story of Wizard of Oz. Thanks to Larry Weaver's observation we will be connecting the searches of the characters to the searches and identities of Unitarian Universalism. The kids have taken part in planning this service and I hope that you will show your support and come see us [on Sunday, December 13].

Maria

YOUTH CHOIR

The UUFM Youth Choir rehearses with the adults on Sunday, **DECEMBER 6**, and **DECEMBER 20**, at 9:30 am, in new sanctuary. All kids are invited to join in our song. Learn more from Sarah Nuss-Warren at 537-3586 or nusswarr@gmail.com

HOW CAN YOU HELP IN RE ?

Currently, RE leaders seek volunteers to lead sessions in our tween and teen curriculum, *LISTENING BETWEEN THE LINES*, where we consider ideas about UU identity while listening to popular music from the past four decades. Lesson plans and helpful support are available. Learn more from Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net, or RE Committee co-chairs Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com and Kathleen Tanona at 537-6208 or kmtanona@hotmail.com

TEENS - POPCORN THEOLOGY

Teens, tweens, and parents are invited to join us for Popcorn Theology every other Friday, at 6 pm. Movies are contemporary selections, evoking introspective thought, and stimulating discussion of ethical and moral behavior in everyday life. Recently viewed films have included *Willow*, *The Fellowship of the Rings*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Bowling for Columbine*.

This month, we meet on Friday, **DECEMBER 4**, and **DECEMBER 18**, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. Learn more from Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net



MARIA SNYDER'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, December	1 - 9 am to 12 pm
Friday, December	4 - 3 to 6 pm
Tuesday, December	8 - 9 am to 12 pm
Friday, December	11 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday, December	15 - 9 am to 12 pm
Friday, December	18 - 3 to 6 pm
Tuesday, December	22 - 9 am to 12 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



A JOINT PERFORMANCE OF THE UUFM YOUTH AND ADULT CHOIRS DURING THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 15, 2009

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, or Charley Kempthorne at 564-1118 or charleykempthorne@dishmail.net

Join us for the final in our series of workshops to develop a **COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS**, facilitated by Rev Thea Nietfeld. We'll meet on Thursday, DECEMBER 3, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's New Sanctuary, with the goal of composing a draft text of our statement for presentation to the Executive Board at their December meeting. Learn more from Thea at 918 207-2444 or thean@ksu.edu

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP** meets Wednesday, DECEMBER 9, at 12 noon, in the Manhattan Room, at Meadowlark Hills. The meal will be catered. Learn more from Florence Schwab at 539-0976 or fschwab@cox.net

This month, the UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will gather at 7 pm, on Wednesday, DECEMBER 9, at the Geiselman residence. All interested Fellowship members and friends are encouraged to join us for congenial and thoughtful discussion. We'll discuss "*Still Alice*," by Lisa Genova. Learn more from Gwen Geiselman at 776-4505.

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, DECEMBER 11, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's New Sanctuary. UUFM members, guests, and community people of all ages are welcome. We drum, sing and dance and learn new songs. Bring your favorite instrument, or there are also plenty of instruments available to borrow. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

Join us for a **WINTER RECEPTION** at Meadowlark Hills for UUs of all ages. We meet in the Meadowlark Community Room on Saturday, DECEMBER 12, from 3 to 5 pm. If you're able, bring some cookies or a winter treat to share. Coffee, tea, water, and a meat and cheese tray will also be offered. Join us to play some fun games and get to know each other better! Learn more from Welcoming and Membership chair Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or welcome@uufm.net

Fellowship member Zac Bailey facilitates two **PAGAN / WICCAN** gatherings this month. On Saturday, DECEMBER 12, at 6 pm, the circle will gather in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room for a potluck meal and class, *Create a Ritual*. On Saturday, DECEMBER 19, at 6 pm, join us around the Fellowship fire circle for a Yule ritual. Learn more from Zac at (417) 619-5300 or zac.bailey@us.army.mil

UUFM Community Minister Reverend Thea Nietfeld facilitates a **DIVORCE AND SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP** in the Fellowship's New Sanctuary, at 7 pm, on Monday, DECEMBER 14, and DECEMBER 21. 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

WELCOMING BRUNCH

The UUFM Social and Welcoming Committees will host a Welcoming Brunch before the morning service on Sunday, JANUARY 17, at 9 am. New members and others interested in becoming more involved in the Fellowship are invited. Ask Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or welcome@uufm.net, or Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@uufm.net to learn more.



HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Our annual Craft and Bake Sale will be held Sunday, **DECEMBER 6**, following the morning service. Join us for this unique opportunity to find beautiful handcrafted gifts to fill out your holiday list, and scrumptious cookies, baked goods and holiday treats for your entertaining needs. You'll also be positively contributing to the financial health of our Fellowship.

Gift-wrapping will be offered during the sale. For those who aren't feeling crafty but would like to help, *we need assistance at the gift-wrapping table!* There are many ways to contribute. Learn more from Sarah Severns at (802) 598-3606 or sarahseverns@hotmail.com

UUFM SINGERS

The Adult and Children's Choir rehearse on Sunday, **DECEMBER 6**, and **DECEMBER 20**, at 9:30 am, in the new sanctuary. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

UUFM CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Mark your calendar for the UUFM Social Committee's fabulous Candlelight Dinner on Saturday, **JANUARY 23**, at 6 pm, at the Fellowship. The menu will feature Moroccan dishes, and exotic entertainment is being planned. Cost will be \$12.50 for adults, and \$5 for children 10 and under. Contact Shirley Hobrock at shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com or 776-3175 to learn more.

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

Our Welcoming and Membership Committee is seeking a few volunteers for a few new **REFRESHMENT AND GREETING TEAMS**. This is an easy way to give to the Fellowship with a minimal investment of time--only three Sundays each year. Learn more from Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or welcome@uufm.net

Sunflower **CASA PROJECT** offers independent study training for volunteers who wish to make a difference in the life of a child in the foster care system. Learn more--email sunfCasa@interkan.net or call 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.

This month, Fellowship volunteers will prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS** on Friday, DECEMBER 10, and DECEMBER 25 from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to occasionally fill in for regular helpers. 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@ncfhaaa.com

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month our Social Action Committee designates an agency or association to receive the morning offerings on the second Sunday. On Sunday, **DECEMBER 13**, our morning collection will benefit **BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS**, in support of this organization's efforts to match adult mentors with at-risk youth, age 5 to 17. BB/BS matched youth are less likely to drop-out of school, their grades improve, their self-esteem improves, and they are less likely to engage in drug or alcohol abuse. Learn more at www.ksbbbs.org/riley/

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 "for 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.

MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Manhattan Emergency Shelter is experiencing drastic budget cuts due to recent government cutbacks. Many small items are needed, such as disposable razors, deodorant, ibuprofen, pacifiers, nail clippers, and kids' socks. Non-perishable FOOD is most needed at this time. RE students have created a box to collect donations, located in the narthex. Learn more from Yvonne Lacy at 539-4404 or socialjustice@uufm.net

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Social Action Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, JANUARY 13, at 5:30 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. Those interested in Social Justice action at the Fellowship are invited to attend.



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.

My thoughts this Thanksgiving and Christmas season turn to those who are less fortunate. One need not look



far within Manhattan, Kansas, or elsewhere in the USA to find many who are in need. Growing numbers of persons we see at La Cocina Allegre [*Happy Kitchen Community Breakfasts*] on Fridays, those seeking food at the Breadbasket or at other

food kitchens in Manhattan, or reports of the hungry throughout America and the World remind us how fortunate we are to have warm homes and enough to eat. Looking at my grandson and noting his demands for food every few hours, a lump rises in my throat when I think about hungry children and the pain that they and their parents must feel when there is not enough food. I think about our third-world friends who are immigrating to Canada for a chance at a better life for themselves and their children.

In this season of thanksgiving, let us all remind ourselves how fortunate we are to live in a wonderful country that works most of the time. However, each of us needs to think about some other person or family who may not have enough in this season of thanksgiving or at some other time of the year. Many opportunities exist to reach out and help someone else. Take a frozen turkey or a basketful of food to the Breadbasket. Give a gift to a child who may not be getting anything this year. Write a check or volunteer your time to see that someone does not go hungry. You will feel good for having helped someone else, but think about how good the person feels with a full stomach. As Unitarian Universalists, helping those who are hungry or less fortunate is written into our character. Think locally, you can see the good that you do.

Brice Hobrock, UUFM Executive Board Chair

Contact Brice at 776-3175 or bhobrock@uufm.net

KOINONIA PECANS

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board meets Thursday, **DECEMBER 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 Board Chair Brice Hobrock at 776-3175 or bhobrock@uufm.net



BRICE HOBROCK
LIGHTS THE CHALICE
DURING OUR SUNDAY
MORNING PROGRAM
ON JANUARY 4, 2009



GREETING AND REFRESHMENT TEAMS

- Dec 6: Courtney Markle, Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Jennifer Askey
- Dec 13: Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson, Bryan and Sarah Severns, and Sarah Nuss-Warren
- Dec 20: Elke Lorenz, Marolyn Caldwell, Steve Mull, and Yvonne Lacy
- Dec 27: Barbara Hacker, Gwen Geiselman Sam Lacy, Jim Shanteau, and Terri Franz

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 STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO FORM THREE OR FOUR ADDITIONAL COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS. Ask Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson or contact the Fellowship office at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net to learn more.

THANKS SO MUCH to everyone who has already volunteered to join or lead one of our teams! Learn more from Welcoming and Membership Committee chair Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or jo.maseberg@gmail.com

Administrator's Schedule

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

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| Thursday, December | 3 - 4 to 7 pm |
| Monday, December | 7 - 3 to 5 pm |
| Tuesday, December | 8 - 12 to 5 pm |
| Thursday, December | 10 - 4 to 7 pm |
| Saturday, December | 26 - 11 am to 6 pm |
| Monday, December | 28 - 3 to 5 pm |
| Tuesday, December | 29 - 12 to 5 pm |
| Thursday, December | 31 - 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

Sue will be taking a few accumulated vacation days from December 13 to 19. *In case of emergency*, contact her at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net during this time.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net to **UPDATE YOUR MAILING, PHONE, or EMAIL** information, or to **CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** to this newsletter. Members and friends may also reach Susan during her posted office hours (*seen at 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

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

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebrations Manhattan, Kansas



The Manhattan Martin Luther King Jr. Committee announces the following events taking place in commemoration of Martin Luther King Day next month, January 2010:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 7 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration
Manhattan High School East Campus

Speaker: **Emmanuel Cleaver**, former Mayor of Kansas City

A candlelight walk to First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue, will follow Emmanuel Cleaver's speech

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 8 AM

Prayer breakfast and buffet
Clarion Hotel, 530 Richards Drive

Speaker: **Cheryl Brown Henderson**, sister of Linda Brown, one of the plaintiffs in the famous 1954 case "Brown vs. Board of Education"

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 10 AM TO 4 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities
Manhattan Town Center

Includes music, speakers, community service projects, and presentations

UUFM SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE TO SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

UUFM Social Action Committee member Pat Weisenburger invites interested members and friends to participate in a favorite Fellowship holiday tradition:

Again this holiday season the Social action Committee hopes to fill the wish lists of two Emergency Shelter residents. Last year, the Committee, with the support of the congregation, provided all the items listed by a 40-year-old woman and a 12-year-old girl. After completing the shopping, the committee members celebrated with coffee and conversation at a local coffee shop. This project is lots of fun. Men are encouraged to join us!



If you would like to participate in this years shopping trip, please call Pat at 539-4711. Cash donations or checks marked in the memo line "for Emergency Shelter gifts," may be given to Pat, any Social Action Committee member, or UUFM Bookkeeper Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or koldfather@yahoo.com