

APRIL 2010 PROGRAMS

APRIL 4 "THIS EASTER MORNING"

Can Easter speak to Unitarian Universalists? Can we find renewal, rebirth, or even resurrection? More, can we find meaning and inspiration in the season and the holiday? Join Rev Jonalu Johnstone, Program Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Oklahoma City, as she looks for answers to these questions. Contact/convener is Thea Nietfeld at 537-2349 or thean@uufm.net

*Join us following the April 4 service for our annual **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**.*

APRIL 11 "CHOOSING A HAPPY OPTION"

Rev Thea Nietfeld muses, "When bad things happen, we can judge ourselves and others and isolate ourselves until we recover, or we can choose a happier option. Choosing happiness requires 'rolling the stone away' to see our situation's real limits and possibilities." Contact Thea at 537-2349 or thean@uufm.net

APRIL 18 "FELLOWSHIP"

UUFM was founded as a fellowship, an extension effort of the American Unitarian Association, more than 50 years ago. Today most of our members have a limited understanding of how the fellowship movement was started, and how that might influence the choices we make today. Lifelong UUFM member and Starr King School for the Ministry student Eric Banner continues exploring the question, where do we come from, and where are we going? Contact Eric at 776-7649 or banner.eric@gmail.com

APRIL 25 "TO BE OR NOT TO BE? NEUTRALITY"

When is a perception of your neutrality important? On the other hand, when is it imperative to "take a stand?" The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement provides humanitarian assistance in times of armed conflict and other disaster emergencies. The perception of its neutrality is a valuable tool for gaining the access necessary to meet its mission. Nikki Strope, with over fifty years training experience within the Red Cross Movement, discusses the values, limits and dilemmas of neutrality. Contact/Convener is Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

*The UUFM **2010 ANNUAL MEETING** gathers following the April 25 program.*

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begin at **10:45 AM**
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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday, *April 3*, we'll join together to complete cleaning and maintenance chores around the building and grounds during our annual **SPRING WORK DAY**. Lunch will be served.

Following the service on *April 4*, we'll gather for our annual **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**. Bring a dish to share and join us for food and fellowship.

Don't miss our annual UUFM **GARAGE SALE**, *April 23* and *24*.

The UUFM **2010 ANNUAL MEETING** assembles on Sunday, *April 25*.

Learn more inside this newsletter.



UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

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

UUFM 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 25**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our plans and dreams for Fiscal Year 2010/2011, which runs from June 1, 2010 thru May 31, 2011. Please carefully review the information provided below, to familiarize yourself with the issues and items to be discussed and voted upon.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2010/11 BUDGET

The FY [Fiscal Year] 2011 Budget has been assembled and is presented in a table for your consideration before the Annual Meeting. Remarkably, this budget is \$61 LOWER than the current year's! As planned, the Religious Education Director's salary is being transitioned into the operating budget. Therefore, in the upcoming fiscal year the amount of income from the Chalice Lighters grant plus the DRE special gifts is reduced to a total of \$8,000. As an expected consequence, the amount needed from pledging in the proposed 2011 budget is *increased* disproportionately by \$6,829 over last year's budget. However, with increase in membership, the total amount *needs* to be pledged by each member actually goes down compared to the present fiscal year. The current year Actual/Expected income from pledges is \$83,600, so we really need our pledge support to increase by about \$21,000 in *actual* pledges over last year in order to support the present budget. I expect this may give some pause, but consider that only about 85 of our FY 2010 members pledged (as 60 units) in the present year! This was offset substantially by unexpected non-pledge income, and an unprecedented year in fundraising (goods and services, etc). However, we should not rely on this additional fundraising in the upcoming (or any) fiscal year.

Summary of expenses: Overall, normal expenses have remained unchanged or have only increased slightly, but reductions include the removal of sabbatical expenses (-\$2,500), reduction of the building "contingency fund" (-\$1,000), and reduction of facilities (-\$1,970). Due to increases in the cost of health insurance, the Payroll part of the budget has been increased the most (+\$3,920).

Added expenditures in the Administration budget include support for bookkeeping, which has been previously handled by Kathleen Oldfather. This change includes the outsourcing of payroll management to a private firm, and changing to a web-based version of the bookkeeping software (Quickbooks Online). Overall this amounts to about a \$600 increase in expenses. Remaining bookkeeping duties will be shared between the treasurer and a volunteer bookkeeper.

Finally remember that this budget is a reflection of member input and should also be approved by member input. Please make it your responsibility to learn about the budget, and, if you vote to support this budget, please make a commitment to it with a pledge that reflects that support.

Mark Mayfield

Treasurer and Finance chair

PROPOSED FY 2010/2011 UUFM BUDGET

INCOME

Contributions - Cash	2,000
Contributions - Non-pledge	5,000
Contributions - Pledges	104,337
DRE Special Gifts (Religious Ed Fund)	8,000
Fund Raising	3,200
Interest	10
Other Income (mostly rental)	1,000

INCOME TOTAL 123,547

EXPENSES

Administration	2,100
Building Contingency Fund	1,000
Caring	125
Committee on Ministry	100
Communications/Publicity	4,535
Dues	8,745
Facilities	4,730
Green Sanctuary	100
Insurance	2,200
Leadership Development	1,000
Legal Fees	40
Membership	450
Minister's Discretionary Fund	250
Miscellaneous	200
Music	1,805
Payroll	83,202
Program	1,850
Religious Education	1,740
Sitter	1,300
Social	725
Social Action	800
Utilities	6,250
Welcoming Congregation	300

TOTAL EXPENSE 123,547

BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES

At the Annual Meeting, members will cast their votes for nominees for Executive Board positions. Candidates standing for election appear in *SMALL-CAP ITALICS*, below. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year (2009/2010) appear in plain text:

Chair	- Larry Weaver
Chair-Elect	- ANNE COWAN
Treasurer	- Mark Mayfield
Secretary	- Dick Beeman
Member-at-Large	- Kim Belanger
Member-at-Large	- JASON MASEBERG-TOMLINSON

RE NEWS

REFLECTIONS - MARIA SNYDER, DRE, MARCH 26, 2010

I am coming out of hibernation as spring has sprung and it brought me new energy. It has been a long cold winter and I am glad for turning off the heater and opening windows. March meant spring break and midterms, and April brings lots of exciting events. Easter will mean our egg hunt which the kids and the kids in all of us always love, so don't forget to join us! A couple of projects that are close to my heart are also coming up this month. On April



17, I will be working with Flint Hills PFLAG to put on the 4th Annual Flint Hills Pride Prom. The following weekend will be Manhattan's First Annual Pride Parade.

For RE the warm weather reminds me that summer is just around the corner and that we need some teachers for the summer program. During the summer we have a guest teacher each week. Please think about doing a Sunday for us and sign up with me for a date. We are also going to have our first RE Open House. You will be able to come to the rooms and see what your kids have been learning about this year, and visit with me and some of the teachers. I have sent out a survey. If you haven't filled it out, you still have time! Let me know what you are interested in seeing and hearing about.

Our youth group continues to meet every other Friday for Popcorn Theology. We have completed our curriculum and are now watching movies based on themes the teens pick. In April we are thinking about beliefs of afterlife. We will be watching *What Dreams May Come* and *Defending Your Life*. Parents are always welcome to join us. Our teen group had it largest attendance in March and we would love to keep growing the group.

Maria

RE NEEDS YOU!

Our RE students are a vital part of our UU community, and we hope adult mentors of all life stages will consider sharing with our kids. Tweens and teens still need teachers, to guide their music-based curriculum "Listening Between the Lines," where we consider ideas about UU identity while listening to popular music from the past five decades. Volunteer for one Sunday, or a few. Choose from a huge selection of musical titles, and receive all the assistance you require.

We also need teachers and helpers in the K-2nd grade classroom (one Sunday a month or as you are available), and occasional substitutes at all grade levels (when regular volunteers are out of town or sick). A training class will be available for new teachers and volunteers.

Learn more from Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net or drop in during Maria's posted office hours (in rose box at right).

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*, *Field of Dreams*, and *Contact*.

We meet at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room (old sanctuary). On Friday **APRIL 9**, we'll watch *Defending Your Life*, and on Friday, **APRIL 23**, we'll view *What Dreams May Come*. Learn more from Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net



MARIA SNYDER'S SCHEDULE

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

Friday,	April	2 -	2 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	April	6 -	2 to 5 pm
Friday,	April	9 -	3 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	April	13 -	2 to 5 pm
Friday,	April	16 -	2 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	April	20 -	2 to 5 pm
Friday,	April	23 -	3 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	April	27 -	2 to 5 pm
Friday,	April	30 -	2 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

YOUTH CHOIR

The UUFM Youth Choir offers a voice to all children and youth who enjoy singing. Learn more from UUFM Singers director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@k-state.edu

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

This month's UUFM **SERVICE AT MEADOWLARK** will be on Wednesday, APRIL 7, at 3 pm in the Wroten House Library. The program will be "Life Stories," lead by Brice Hobrock. We'll explore writing and telling stories as a way to preserve family and personal history. Those attending are asked to bring a letter or photograph that suggests a story about the past, or, plan to tell a story about the Great Depression or Dust Bowl. Kathleen Oldfather convenes. Learn more from Kathleen at 537-3738 or koldfather@yahoo.com

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, APRIL 9, at 7 pm, around the fire circle behind the Fellowship building. UUFM members, guests, beginners and regulars, and those of all ages are welcome. Bring your favorite rhythm instrument, or there are instruments available to borrow. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

This month, the **UUFM SINGERS** rehearse on Sunday, APRIL 11, at 9:30 am, in the new sanctuary. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP** meets Wednesday, APRIL 14, at 12 noon, at the Early Edition Restaurant, West. All interested Fellowship members, friends, and guests are invited to join us for food and conversation. Learn more from Florence Schwab at 539-0976 or fschwab@cox.net

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER gathers on APRIL 15, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). This is not a potluck. You may bring food to share if you wish, 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

Fellowship member Ana Franklin invites members and friends to a free, informal workshop exploring **CHANT IN YOGA**, on Saturday, APRIL 17, at 3 pm, at Ana's *Yoga Connection* studio, 321 Poyntz Avenue, Suite A, in Manhattan. This workshop is open to novices as well as experienced practitioners. Learn more from Ana at 341-9908 or yogaconnection@gmail.com, or visit www.yogaconnection.byregion.net

The **UUFM OPEN CIRCLE** hosts a Pagan / Wiccan gathering on Saturday, APRIL 17, at 7 pm, at the new *Myths and Legends* shop, in the Westloop Shopping Center. Learn more from Zac Bailey at (417) 619-5300 or zac.bailey@us.army.mil

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers at 7 pm, Wednesday, APRIL 28. Watch the "Announcements" section of the Sunday morning bulletin, as well as list serv announcements for this month's title and location. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@sbcglobal.net

UUFM members and friends meet once or twice a week for **MORNING COFFEE** at various locations around Manhattan. Learn more from Anne Marchin at 539-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com, or watch for email announcements on the UUFM list serv. If you have not joined our list serv and would like to receive announcements and join in discussions of interest, email Susan Turner at office@uufm.net to receive an invitation.

SPRING WORK DAY

On Saturday, **APRIL 3**, beginning at 9 am, members and friends will gather together to complete much-needed cleaning and repair chores around the Fellowship. Visit the UUFM wiki at www.uufm.net/wiki, and click on the "Work Day" link to volunteer for projects, or make suggestions. The Social Committee will provide sandwich makings, salads, and drinks for lunch. Please bring chips or a dessert to share. Learn more from Mark Moser at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com



UUFM GARAGE SALE

The Fellowship's annual Garage Sale will be held Friday, **APRIL 23**, from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday, **APRIL 24**, from 7 am to 12 noon, at 1701 Westbank Way, in Manhattan. Lets start sorting through our basements, attics, and closets for items in good condition for the sale. *Volunteers are needed* to help sort and price donations, move tables, help with set-up and clean up, and staff the sale on one or both days. If you need help transporting large items, or for more information, contact Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

EASTER POTLUCK

Following the morning service on Sunday, **APRIL 4**, the Fellowship will hold our annual Easter Potluck Brunch. Members and friends are asked to bring a favorite Easter dish to share. Learn more from Courtney Markle at 236-1563 or clmarkle@hotmail.com



UUFM HUMANISTS

Fellowship Humanists and fellow travelers meet Thursday, **APRIL 1**, at 7 pm, in the large RE room to continue discussion of Greg Epstein's "*Good Without God--What a Billion Nonreligious People DO Believe.*" Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

Our Welcoming and Membership Committee still needs a few *volunteers* to help form 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, or Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

This month, Fellowship volunteers will prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS** on Friday, APRIL 9, and APRIL 23 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 **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER** needs *our help!* Many small items are needed, such as disposable razors, individual soaps and shampoos, deodorant, ibuprofen, pacifiers, kids' socks, nail clippers, gloves, and warm hats. Non-perishable FOOD is most needed at this time. Contributions may be placed in the box decorated by RE students in the southwest corner of the narthex. Learn more from Yvonne Lacy at 539-4404 or socialjustice@uufm.net

MARCH HELPING HANDS

The March 14 Helping Hands collection for The Crisis Center totaled \$366. *Many thanks to all for your generous support.*

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month our Social Action Committee selects an agency or association to receive the morning offering on the second Sunday. On Sunday, **APRIL 11**, our morning collection will benefit the **FAIRY GODMOTHER'S FUND**. This fund assists women in the greater Manhattan area who are in crisis and for whom traditional assistance has not met the need.

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, and may be purchased for your own use, or donated to families seeking help from Shepherd's Crossing.

CASA SPRING TRAINING

Sunflower CASA Project Spring volunteer training has begun. Contact Sunflower CASA at sunfCasa@interkan.net or 537-6367, or visit <http://casa.manhattanks.org> to learn more about Independent Study Training for volunteers. There is a child waiting for your voice--become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for a neglected child in the court system.



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.

One can't help being impressed by the vast array of financial and personal social services and caring activities



supported by UUFM members, e.g., Helping Hands, La Cocina Alegre [*Happy Kitchen*], Shepherd's Crossing, Meadowlark.

The intangibles are enormous, knowing the individual support that so many of us give to each other

and to our families and the community. Our modest budget does not necessarily reflect the unseen components of our services, but it is very important nevertheless.

Elsewhere in this *Newsletter*, the UUFM Board presents a 2010/2011 Budget for your consideration. You will note that the proposed budget is flat, the same amount as the current year. However, the amount required from member pledges is significantly larger. This reflects the replacement of one-time money applied to last year's expenditures, funding the Director of Religious Education, a program improvement approved by the membership last year. The Board hopes that each of us can find the funds in our tight personal budgets to continue this and other important programs. Give generously and spontaneously following approval of a new budget at the Annual Meeting, April 25.

Brice Hobrock, UUFM Executive Board Chair

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board meets Thursday, **APRIL 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

UUFM 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 25**. Please review the information provided on *page 2* of this newsletter, to familiarize yourself with the issues and items to be discussed and voted upon. Only members who have signed the Membership Book at least 30 days before April 25 will be eligible to vote at this meeting, as outlined in the Fellowship's Bylaws. Members not yet eligible to vote, and friends who have been considering becoming more involved in our Fellowship community are encouraged to join us to observe the proceedings.

UU FAMILY SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCES

If you're making plans for the warm, sunny days of summer 2010, consider attending a UU camp.

Camp StarTrail, Prairie Star's new multigenerational camp near Ashland, Nebraska, will meet August 1 to 6. At Camp StarTrail, campers of all ages explore and celebrate Unitarian Universalism through a variety of workshops and worship opportunities. The main speaker will be UU minister, singer, songwriter, and humorist Meg Barnhouse. Registration opens in April.

Information is available in the carousel in the narthex, or learn more about Camp StarTrail, Camp UniStar, and the Midwest UU Summer Assembly at www.psduua.org/Camps



A SUNLIT SCENE ON WATERS EDGE
AT CAMP STARTRAIL, NEAR ASHLAND, NEBRASKA



GREETING AND REFRESHMENT TEAMS

- Mar 7: **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**
- Mar 14: Shirley and Brice Hobrock, Monta Manney, and Angela Hayes
- Mar 21: Barbara Hacker, Jim Shanteau, Sam Lacy, Gwen Geiselman, and Terri Franz
- Mar 28: Kathleen and Michael Oldfather, and Buddy and Bobette McGaughey

Coffee and greeting teams consist of one leader/coordinator, and three or four helpers who provide Sunday morning greeting and refreshments. Teams sign up for only three Sundays each year.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO FORM A FEW ADDITIONAL COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS. This is an easy way to contribute to the Fellowship, with a minimal investment of time. Learn more from Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson or Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

THANKS to everyone who has already volunteered for 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 April, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

- Thursday, April 1 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, April 5 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, April 6 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, April 8 - 4 to 7 pm
- Monday, April 12 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, April 13 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, April 15 - 4 to 9 pm
- Thursday, April 22 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, April 24 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, April 26 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, April 27 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, April 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 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 Board member Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net, for information and assistance.

Fellowship members may receive the UUA magazine **UU WORLD**, without cost. *UU World* is available on audiotape, for those with visual or reading difficulties. Subscribe by contacting Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Read *UU World* online at www.uuworld.org

Join in email discussions of interest to Fellowship members and friends on our **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. 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 let us know at 537-2349 or office@uufm.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

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

THOUGHTS FROM THEA - REV THEA NIETFELD, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

Transformation is a huge word. The Easter story offers transformation's hope because it seems to defy death. Metaphorical interpretations include "rolling the stone away" from a self-imposed tomb.

I recently read *Resurrection*, by Tolstoy (1899), which gave me the hope that a person can come to see and understand what's terribly real, choose to reduce suffering in ways that are available to them, and find purposeful happiness. This is transformation I can believe in.

May this huge season refresh your spirits metaphorically, and your real-life in a way that works for you,

Thea



PSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE



ALL SOULS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF KANSAS CITY LEADS THE PARADE OF BANNERS AT THE 2006 PSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE, IN ST PAUL, MN

The Prairie Star District (PSD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) will hold the PSD Annual Conference, April 23 to 25, in Davenport, Iowa. This multi-generational conference features family-centered activities, workshops, speakers, worship, and opportunities for networking with fellow UUs from across our District. Learn more and register at the PSD web site--www.psduua.org/AnnualConference2010. Flyers and registration forms are also available to pick up from the information table in our narthex.

SIERRA CLUB FAMILY CAMP

The Flint Hills Sierra Club is hosting a family camp the weekend of Friday, May 14, thru Sunday, May 16. All interested individuals and families are invited. There will be hiking on the Tallgrass Prairie on Saturday, and an hour-long trail ride by horse for those ages 7 and older. Children age 6 and under will have an opportunity to experience lead rides around the arena. Learn more from Fellowship member Ginny Hagin at virginia.hagin@us.army.mil, or contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net for a registration form.