



SEPTEMBER 2011 PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 4 "UU PRINCIPLES AND LIBERAL VALUES"

Unitarian Universalists sometimes say that we are part of a "liberal religious tradition", but what does "liberal" mean? On one hand, it reflects our tradition's lack of strict creed, the freedom we allow in interpreting religious (or non-religious) texts, and our commitment to accepting different worldviews in our Fellowship. On the other hand, it reflects some of our tradition's values, which, while not tied to any particular political affiliation, are associated with progressive views on human rights and liberties. Contact/convener is Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@sbcglobal.net

SEPTEMBER 11 "SYMPATHETIC THREADS: CONNECTING THE LIVES, HEARTS, AND MINDS OF OUR YOUTH"

Cory Zeller, in her new role as the Director of Religious Education, and Rev Michael Nelson explore the power relationships have to transform, inspire, and promote growth. Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

SEPTEMBER 18 "CHOOSING ONE'S DESTINATION HELPS PLAN THE ROUTE"

Long Range Planning Committee members--Blake Belanger, Abigail Conrad, Brice Hobrock, Elke Lorenz, and Michael Oldfather--present ruminations, recommendations, and reports on this year's membership survey. The focus will be on how best to improve overall programming and increase membership. Information is available from committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.ed

SEPTEMBER 25 "ELEVATOR SPEECH: WHY AM I A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST?"

Reverend Michael Nelson asks, "What do you say when a stranger asks, 'What is Unitarian Universalism?' Of course it depends on who asks, but thinking through the possible responses can reduce an awkwardness that arises when we don't know what to say. What answers deliver truth instead of evasion?" Learn more from Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

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UUFM PARENTS NIGHT OUT!!!



Introducing *Parents Night Out* on the first Friday of each month, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Drop off the kids for an evening of fun and adventure, while you take a little time for yourself. Join us on

Friday, **September 2**. The kids will make grape jelly, then we'll eat pizza, and watch a movie! If your children will be attending, please let Cory Zeller know at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net



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



Unitarian Universalism does not tell you who to be. This seeming lack of direction is not without meaning. We are asked to find what moves our life into the sublime; not once, not for all time, but like the rolling sea.

Stasis is not an answer. We are encouraged to know how each living thing has its role in the evolution of the cosmos.

Tom Toad and Tanya, his big sister, hold races across our front porch. Tanya usually wins. They can sit for hours. At least it seems like hours. I lack the Zen patience to track how long they remain motionless, in wait for the unsuspecting insect to move within tongue's reach. When they need to get, they can hop faster than you'd think a sag of ancient skin could. Their patience and swift discernment astonish. Their song, nothing like a bullfrog, haunts and makes us glad for their presence.

A way to envision one's self as a Unitarian Universalist is to live in the open space of a Jean Valentine poem:

*There is a stone
Where the Buddha was.
Nothing: air,*

In painting, the negative space is as important as the focus. In an abstract painting, it becomes more important, because the subtle or sharp interplay between what comes forward and recedes calls for sustained attention to their relationship. If it slackens a dead space appears. Because our lives tend to be consumed with tasks, projects, worries, diversions, books, chat ... little room exists to have a relationship with the invisible. Take the mug that holds your coffee. A rounded, solid block of clay leaves no place for java joy. The opening leads to the emptiness that allows us to pour in and out what wakes us up!

We need something to call us, to provide a shape for meaning. The call for compassion begins inside. The less cluttered we are with fixed ideas, resentments, despair, more opens for loving kindness; the kind that begins with an increasing self acceptance. We, by our history, genes, family life have had differing opportunities. Some lives are marked by advantage and others by disadvantage. Per, a Swedish wisdom seeker, believes that not having the cultural advantages of the elite can provide surprising opportunities. His advice, "Don't wish for something you didn't or don't have, but examine and pursue what may not be fully seen but beckons with vital possibility."

Sometimes what brings the most meaning is nothing we can name. The still toad, so relaxed in its vigilant alertness and then the quick fly catching flick, doesn't tell me how to be, but does show a way. As in painting and the coffee mug our lives require the right balance of form and emptiness. What we choose to do can keep us blocked with dissatisfaction or it can encourage us to sing and race when the urge strikes.

May you find your place in what sometimes feels like nothing. May it be charged with vitality!

Michael



REVEREND MICHAEL NELSON SHARES THE
STORY FOR ALL AGES DURING THE SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 15, 2009.

MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

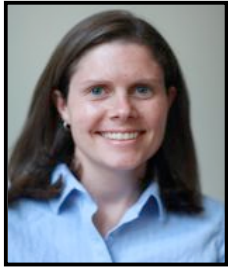
Tuesday,	September	6 - 2	to 4 pm
Thursday,	September	8 - 4	to 7 pm
Tuesday,	September	13 - 3	to 5 pm
Thursday,	September	15 - 4	to 7 pm
Tuesday,	September	20 - 3	to 5 pm
Thursday,	September	22 - 2	to 4 pm
Wednesday,	September	28 - 12	to 2 pm
Thursday,	September	29 - 2	to 4 pm

During office hours, Michael may be contacted at the Fellowship at 537-2349. To chat or arrange meetings, contact please call and leave a message or email minister@uufm.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGARDING RE - CORY ZELLER, DRE, AUGUST 20, 2011

The World Travelers have had a fun time finishing their summer adventures. In August, they made family trees, learned folk dances, became junior rangers, and directed and starred in their own mini movies. The Passport Program has been an excellent experience for these kids. Thank you to all of the tour guides who so generously donated the best of themselves for the benefit of the Travelers. They begin the fall wiser, more cultured, and more talented than they began it. Thank you!



Our toddlers have also had a fantastic summer. In August, they learned about families, wild things, architecture, and music and dance. Their mini lessons are helping them grow by introducing them to new ideas and experiences. They are also continuing

to exert their independence and creative spirit each week through free play. The balance of structure and freedom has been both enriching and rewarding.

As we head into the fall, we begin a new curriculum. This year the RE classes will have some new additions to their programming. In the nursery, the toddlers continue mini lessons with new themes each week. In the Preschool classroom, students start a two-year rotation with the UUA curriculum, *Chalice Children*. Next year they return to *Me and My World*. In the K-2 and 3-5 classrooms, the kids will spend two months learning the 7 UU Principles in depth, the month of November doing a social action project, and the month of December learning about various cultures' celebrations. In January, they start a three-year rotation of Judeo-Christian Bible stories. The K-2 classroom will learn about the most often referenced stories and characters, while the 3-5 classroom examines a few stories and hymns in greater depth. In the following two years, they explore the fundamentals of Unitarian Universalism and then world religions.

Of course, the fun doesn't stop just because summer is over. We will continue to do family fun activities once a month. This month we will have an Ice Cream Social and information session about the curriculum on Friday, September 16, from 7 to 8:30 pm. We also start *Parents' Night Out*--an evening where parents can hit the town while the children bond at the Fellowship. This will occur the first Friday of each month from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. On September 2, Larry Weaver makes a guest appearance and teaches the kids how to make grape jelly.

We have an amazing group of kids. Read more about their adventures at uufmreprogram.blogspot.com or stop them

in the hall on Sunday and introduce yourself. They would love to tell you about their summer travels!

I am looking forward to the fall--cooler temperatures included! I am also looking forward to the continued growth and vitality of the RE Program. To read more about our program and upcoming lessons and activities, please visit our pages on the new website under the heading Religious Education.

As always, I would love to hear your feedback and to chat about the RE program. Please stop me in the hall on Sunday or visit me during my office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 5 pm.

Cory

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S SCHEDULE

In September, Cory will be available in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS** from **1 TO 5 PM**

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

FAMILY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

We're launching a monthly *Parent's Night Out* on Friday, **SEPTEMBER 2**. Drop the kids off at the Fellowship at 6:30 pm, and pick them up at 9:30. We'll learn how to make grape jelly, eat pizza, and watch a movie.



On Friday, **SEPTEMBER 16**, at 7 pm, join us for an *Ice Cream Social*. There will be organized activities for the children, and information on this year's curriculum for parents. Learn more from Director Religious Education Cory Zeller at 537-2349 dre@uufm.net

JOB OPENING

With an ever-expanding number of babies and toddlers in our nursery, it has become apparent that we need another adult in the nursery to help watch our little ones. This is a paid position. If you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming a nursery care provider, please contact Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Fellowship's large RE room. Bring a desire for spirited conversation and a sack lunch for yourself. Learn more from Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu

UUFM resumes monthly **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLES** celebrating full moon esbats and the eight Wiccan Sabbats. Guided by HPS Deirdre Greeley, we'll join together to experience the beauty of the green earth and the white moon among the stars, on Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 10**, at 7:30 pm in the large RE room. A sharing group will be held prior to Circle, with refreshments provided afterwards. Old sage or newly curious are warmly welcome. Open yourself to the magick! Learn more from Deirdre at (580) 919-9834 or saffyr@gmail.com

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 14**, at 11:30 am, at Houlihan's, 1641 Anderson Avenue, in Manhattan. Join us for lively discussion of current events in local, national, and international news. All are invited. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865, 410-9379 (cell), or ahjanke@sbcglobal.net

On **SEPTEMBER 15**, at 5:30 pm, immediately preceding Third Thursday Supper, Mark Moser leads a **TAI CHI**-based meditation session in the Main Sanctuary. Contact Mark at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER gathers on **SEPTEMBER 15**, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. We welcome food you bring to share, but it is not required. Just bring your smile, family, and friends and join us for good food and great company! Please tell Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net if your kids will attend, so that she can arrange organized children's activities. Learn more about Third Thursday Suppers more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

Following Third Thursday Supper on **SEPTEMBER 15**, Fellowship member Diane Barker hosts **GOING TO THE MOVIES IS MORE THAN PICKING YOUR SEAT**. Films are selected based on respect, humor, an uplifting level of truth, and artistry. Learn more from Diane at 539-9163 or dogsbodyd@yahoo.com

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, **SEPTEMBER 16**, at 6:45 pm, around the Fellowship fire circle (inside in case of rain). We will begin drumming at 7 pm, sharp, with the global 10 Billion Beats, 24 hour drumming around the world (www.10billionbeats.com). Our drum circle is one of 1300 sites registered on the 10 Billion Beats Site Map so far. Bring your own drumming instrument or borrow one of ours. This is a special event and we encourage you to bring your friends. Snack food is welcome if you wish to bring something, but nothing is required. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers on Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 21**, at 7 pm, at the Jankowiak residence. We'll discuss *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood. Learn more from Majka Jankowiak at 537-1223 or mjanko1@cox.net, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

Join the UUFM **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** on Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 24**, at 7 pm, in the Inez Alsop room to celebrate Mabon (the autumnal equinox). Learn more from Deirdre Greeley at (580) 919-9834 or saffyr@gmail.com



PANCAKE BRUNCH !!!

Please join us following the morning service on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 11**, for a scrumptious brunch of pancakes (regular and gluten-free), sausage, fruit and beverages. This fundraising event benefits UUFM's General Operations Fund. Cost is \$5 for adults. Children eat free. Learn how you can help from Tom Phillips at (405) 880-6483 or twp1@k-state.edu

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 11** and **SEPTEMBER 25**, at 9:30 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

UUFM FALL WORK DAY

Join us for our Fall Work Day, on Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 17**, 9 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be served. As usual the task list includes indoor and outdoor activities. If you can help with lunch, ask Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net. Learn more from Tom Manney, Building; Sylvia Beeman Grounds; or Mark Moser, Facilities, 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com. Share your suggestions of what needs to be done. *We need your help to keep our Fellowship in good repair!*

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's UUFM Meadowlark Hills Service gathers on Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 28**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building, 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Michael Nelson explores *Loving Your Neighbor*. We all know stories of a neighbor who runs their circular saw at midnight or has a dog that barks at every falling leaf. How do we keep ourselves from making it worse? Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, SEPTEMBER 11, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for Sunflower **CASA**. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) provides training for volunteers advocating for the best interests of children involved in the court system due to abuse and neglect (*see CASA Fall Training announcement at bottom of this page*). CASA also works to prevent child abuse and neglect through public awareness and prevention programs.

On August 14, the Helping Hands collection for the Flint Hills Community Clinic raised \$657.26. Thank you all for your generous contributions, providing quality medical care for uninsured and low-income residents of Riley County.

Learn more about monthly collections from our Helping Hands coordinator Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

FAIR TRADE 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 purchase Fair Trade products, ask Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net, or talk to Anne on Sunday mornings.



COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS (CFLs) are also offered on Sunday mornings, supporting the Fellowship's efforts to encourage environmentally conscious living. Purchase these efficient, energy-saving bulbs for yourself, or for families seeking help from Shepherd's Crossing.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the UUFM Social Action Committee will be on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 7, at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. All members and friends interested in Social Justice issues are invited to attend and contribute. Contact Social Action Committee chair Stacey Broughman at socialaction@uufm.net or 410-9413 to learn more about Social Justice work at UUFM.

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

There are always openings for a few volunteers on our Sunday morning **COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS**. New members and friends find this is a great way to get acquainted, and it's an easy way to give to the Fellowship with a minimal investment of time--only three Sundays each year. Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

This month, Fellowship volunteers will prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, SEPTEMBER 9 and 23, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are needed to occasionally fill in.* The meal is free and open to all, providing a good meal for many community members who might otherwise go without. Freewill donations are always welcome. Ana Franklin at 341-9908 or yogaconnection@gmail.com

*Find more exciting, volunteer opportunities on the **HELP WANTED** bulletin board in the Fellowship's narthex.*

CRISIS CENTER TRAINING

The Crisis Center, Inc, a Manhattan shelter providing support for women affected by domestic violence or sexual assault will hold a two-session training workshop for individuals who would like to volunteer to support Crisis Center services. Volunteers must attend both sessions. A \$15 registration fee covers training materials and supplies. The workshop will be held on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 17, and Saturday, SEPTEMBER 24, from 9 am to 5 pm. To learn more or register, contact Volunteer Coordinator Gaby Neal at 539-7935.

CASA FALL TRAINING

Sunflower CASA Project seeks community volunteers. There are foster children in the court system, waiting for your care as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Fall training begins Monday, SEPTEMBER 12. Learn more from Bridget Howland at 537-6367 or bridget@sunflowercasa.org, or visit <http://casa.manhattanks.org>

ALL ABOUT US

We're happy to introduce new members **KATIE** and **RYAN MYHRE** (pronounced Mi'-er) and their children. Ryan is originally from west central Wisconsin and more recently from Chicago. He completed his PhD in chemical engineering and is now happy to be a stay at home dad. Katie, originally from Chicago, is a pediatrician working on Fort Riley. She completed her residency in San Antonio. Katie and Ryan have two sons. Kieran is three and Luke is two years old. Katie and Ryan were strongly influenced by Rev Nelson's session on "Taking Time for the Inner Life." As a result, they have recently begun practicing Buddhism. Ryan has a passion for golf. He trained as a professional and aspires to play in a professional tournament. He describes Katie as a "Wonderful doctor!" Katie relaxes with her family and loves to bake. They are happy to be part of our community. *Welcome, Katie, Ryan, Luke, and Kieran.*

ELKE LORENZ is the proud new grandmother of baby Sophie Pham Champion. She was born Wednesday, August 17. She weighed 7 lbs and was 20 inches long. Mother, baby, and dad, Elke's son Thomas, are doing great.

CAROLYN FERGUSON, MARK MAYFIELD, and daughters **CLARA** and **HELEN** were away much of the spring while Carolyn was on sabbatical at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, California. Carolyn and Mark conducted botanical research in many areas of the southwest. The kids enjoyed a semester of school in California, along with travel, sports and music. The family is happy to be settled back home in Manhattan, and to see UUFM friends again!



BETTY and **CHRIS BANNER** traveled to Berkeley, California (Betty babysat Olivia and Julia), and Toronto, Ontario, for a family wedding and sightseeing.

ANNE COWAN visited Memphis, Tennessee with her 19-year-old granddaughter to visit her sister. She also traveled by train to Albuquerque to visit her nephew and attend the GI Rights Network's national meeting.

YVONNE LACY - Estes Park, Colorado, for her annual family reunion. **SAM** traveled with his son, Mike, to New York.

ABIGAIL CONRAD traveled to Colorado, China, and other spots.

SCOTT, KATHLEEN, MAEVE, RONAN, and ROSE TANONA and their 8-month old puppy traveled to Buffalo, New York, to visit Kathleen's family and friends; and South Kingstown, Rhode Island, to visit Scott's family, with other stops along the way to visit friends, including Hamilton, Ontario, to see the **ASKEY** family.

MICHAEL NELSON and **CHARLES DEDMON** went to Kansas City for three days to finish the sale of their house.

MICHAEL and **KATHLEEN OLDFATHER** spent a week in Minnesota visiting family and friends, and Kathleen enjoyed a week on the big island of Hawaii with more of her family.

TERRI FRANZ visited her Dad and his wife in Alabama. They made their annual visit to nearby Scottsborough, the home of Unclaimed Baggage, a business that buys up misplaced luggage and resells the contents. They also went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to visit the Aquarium.

DICK and **SYLVIA BEEMAN** didn't go anywhere this summer, but "we did bring a slice of Montreal (the prime cut of the entire city) to Manhattan, in the form of **IRENE** and **THIBAUD**."

RUTH WELTI and her dad, **ERNIE**, hit the road to visit her dad's sister and brother in Connecticut, her sister in Illinois, and his sister in Iowa. They viewed Lake Michigan and Lake Erie along the way. **LAURA WELTI** and Ruth took a brief trip to Denton, Texas, to visit UNT.

CORY and **SAM ZELLER** and children went to Cape Cod and Nantucket.

BRICE and **SHIRLEY HOBROCK** enjoyed a cruise, which took them to Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Estonia, Finland, and Russia. They also spent time before and after the cruise in Buffalo, New York, with daughter, Gretchen, her husband, Dave, and grandson, Jack.

JIM SHANTEAU traveled the most to Stockholm, Sweden, an Elderhostel-sponsored tour of the Canadian Rockies, a bus tour organized by Meadowlark to Door County, Wisconsin, a week-long trip to San Diego both to visit Doreen's relatives and to attend a psychology conference at the University of California, San Diego (his alma mater). And finally Jim travels to Paris next week to speak at the European Mathematical Psychology meeting. Can you say "jet lag?"

TOM PHILLIPS had the privilege to attend two conferences in Europe combining business with a little pleasure. First was a "Meeting on Cultural Heritage Pests" in early June in Piacenza, Italy, which is about 50 miles south of Milan. In July he traveled to Greece for a conference on "Integrated Protection of Stored Products," in the ancient city of Volos, north of Athens and south of Thessaloniki. Side trips included the mountain monastery retreat of Meteora, sailing to local islands, and visiting the Acropolis and other sites in Athens.

CALL FOR ARTISTS' SUBMISSIONS



The UUFM Aesthetics Committee announces a call for all artists to submit original artwork for the next in our series of Art Exhibitions at the Fellowship. *Deadline for submission is Monday, September 26.* We invite all

members and friends of any age to submit work! This is a mixed show, and all pieces suitable for hanging, including photographs, paintings, drawings, fiber art, collage, etc, are solicited from our many talented Fellowship artists. Art may be submitted following Sunday services in September, or bring in your submission during Susan Turner and Cory Zeller's office hours, on Monday from 3 to 5 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 5 pm. Please include a note with artist's name, contact information, media/type of art, price (if for sale), and title. Learn more from Kim Belanger at 587-8107 or kgardenbelanger@yahoo.com or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net. Or talk to any Aesthetics Committee member--Lorrie Cross, Kim Belanger, Harriette Janke, or Anne Marchin.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

A brief ceremony will be held welcoming new members to our congregation, and recognizing the special contributions each individual brings to this community during the Sunday morning service on **SEPTEMBER 25**. Join us in welcoming to our Fellowship family *Katie and Ryan Myhre, Dick and Judy Cattell, Wayne Clark, Amber and Drew Vennum, Deirdre Greeley, Aimee Fowler, and Jim and Barbara Bascom* who have recently returned to Manhattan.



THE FELLOWSHIP WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS KRISTAN CORWIN, BRIAN WASHBURN, BRIAN AND SARAH SEVERNS, STEPHEN SHELTON, THEA NIETFIELD, CYBIL PERKINS, DAVE LAMBERT, AND JULIO TORRES DURING THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON DECEMBER 6, 2009.

PSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Do you have a wonderful workshop idea to share at the PSD Annual Conference? The Prairie Star District is seeking workshop applications for the PSD Annual Conference 2012, "Lessons from War & Peace: Stories of Hope, Faith, and Courage," which will be held April 13 thru 15, 2012, in Bloomington, Minnesota. Workshops are sought that respond directly to this theme, or foster leadership development, and/or strengthen our UU community through multigenerational conversation. Information about the conference and workshop applications are available at www.psduua.org/AnnualConference2012 Deadline to apply is Monday, September 26, 2011.



CONGREGATIONS JOIN IN THE BANNER PROCESSION AT THE 2005 PSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

PSD SOUTHERN CLUSTER RETREAT

Each year, the Prairie Star District's Southern Cluster (UU groups from Kansas and western Missouri) hosts a rustic retreat to facilitate fellowship between regional congregations. This year, on October 14 thru 16, at White Memorial Campground on the shores of Council Grove Lake, the PSD Southern Cluster offers a variety of adult and supervised children's activities, including workshops with Ron Parks, exploring the history and geography of our region; singer/songwriter Ann Zimmerman; and Rev David Carter, minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita. Fliers and registration forms are available on the information rack in the Inez Alsop room, or learn more and register on-line at www.uucluster.info

REV PETER MORALES SENTENCED

Rev Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), was convicted August 5, 2011, on misdemeanor charges stemming from his non-violent civil disobedience in Phoenix, Arizona, in July 2011. Rev Morales was arrested while protesting Arizona's anti-immigrant legislation, SB 1070. For his act of conscience, he was sentenced in Maricopa County Court to one day in jail, with credit for time already served.



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Sept 4: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Sam and Cory Zeller
- Sept 11: **PANCAKE BRUNCH**
UUFM Social Committee
- Sept 18: Abigail Conrad, Deirdre Greeley, Diane Barker, and Judy Exdell
- Sept 25: Shirley and Brice Hobrock, Dick and Judy Cattell, Monta Manney

Coffee and greeting teams consist of one leader/coordinator, and three or four helpers to provide Sunday morning greeting and refreshments. Teams sign up for only three Sundays each year. *This is a great way to give to the Fellowship with a minimum investment of time.* Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

THANKS to everyone who has already volunteered for one of our teams! Coffee and greeting teams are vital to the welcoming atmosphere of Fellowship life, helping visitors get acquainted, and providing a comfortable setting for after-service conversation.

Administrator's Schedule

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

- Thursday, Sept 1 - 12 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 6 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Sept 8 - 4 to 7 pm
- Monday, Sept 12 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 13 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Sept 15 - 4 to 9 pm
- Thursday, Sept 22 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, Sept 24 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, Sept 26 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 27 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, 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 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 Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net, for information and assistance.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, 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 discussions of interest, receive information on community events, and last minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

This fall, consider signing up for **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a recurring basis. For details, contact Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or RE@uufm.net, or pick up literature and a form from the information carousel in the Inez Alsop room at the Fellowship. *Thank you!*

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 chair Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or caring@uufm.net, 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 any use of the Fellowship building, including **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 Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 15**. *Committee chairs and activity coordinators, please let Sue know about volunteer openings* in your group, for inclusion in announcements! Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net