



DECEMBER 2011 PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 4 "THE BIRTH OF ALL THINGS"

Rev Michael Nelson muses, "A group has been meeting at the Fellowship to read Lao Tzu's 81 verses of the *Tao de Ching*. It has been an amazing journey, frustrating, hilarious, sweet, yet always turning us toward what can't be named. We will share our experience of how 'darkness within darkness' can become the 'gateway to all understanding.'" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

DECEMBER 11 SEASONAL MUSIC, READINGS, AND REFLECTIONS

Several UUFM members will read favorite holiday stories and poems. They will be joined by Fellowship singers and musicians, as we share memories of past Christmases. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

DECEMBER 18 "WHAT DO WE GIVE OURSELVES TO? WHY?"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "Dedication that honors all aspects of living brings richness and meaning to our individual and shared lives. Unitarian Universalists have dedicated themselves to bringing goodness into the world for centuries. Let us carry on this tradition with intelligence and a heart willing to be filled." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: MAKING MUSIC IN THE HEART

Reverend Michael Nelson invites all to join him at 7 pm, on Christmas Eve. "Let us make each birth holy. Come celebrate with family and friends the wonder of love that finds the lost, heals the broken, feeds the hungry ... Let us sing and share the stories that brings the light of joy, so that we may perceive the gift of connection to all life." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

DECEMBER 25 "CHRISTMAS MORNING"

Former Fellowship member and UU ministerial student Eric Banner muses, "A child was born in the darkest night, and then came the morning. Our time of preparations is over, and the last shiny package has been opened. When everything we've planned for has come to pass we are left with this truth--we are blessed in the moment if we only we stop to notice." Learn more from Eric at banner.eric@gmail.com

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UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Our Winter Dinner this year will be held on January 14. We're planning a **CHILI TASTING** event, and we need volunteers to provide a pot of their favorite recipe for the event. *Learn more on page 4.*

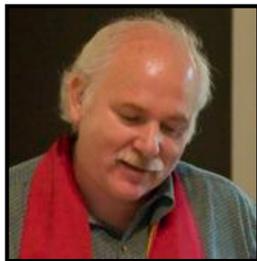
There are fun family events planned this month. Parents may drop children off at 6:30 pm, on **DECEMBER 2**, for Parent's Night Out. Or come to the Holiday Cookie Swap on **DECEMBER 17**. *Learn more on page 3.*



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Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at
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Adlai Stevenson, former governor of Illinois, Democratic presidential candidate (twice), said, "I think that one of our most



important tasks is to convince others that there's nothing to fear in difference." Before that can be done one has to examine one's own fears of difference. Unitarian Universalists, fond of believing that they engage in open inquiry, often have a narrow bandwidth in which they are open to the reception of new information. If they don't like what someone says, how they present it, if it seems "whacky," then it is often deemed "a waste of my time." I do this more than I'd like to admit; causing me to examine how I can live more openly. Stevenson believed, "... that difference, in fact, is one of the healthiest and most invigorating of human characteristics without which life would become meaningless. Here lies the power of the liberal way ... " Wow!

As a Unitarian, Stevenson encouraged the free interchange of ideas, because one never knows where the solutions to problems of life emerge. He called for a fresh approach. His perspective asks us to be willing to try new things, to abandon the static, comfortable position that causes atrophy. Collapsing into judgment of something, someone and most importantly ourselves, often happens so rapidly that we shut the doors to new possibilities without thinking. Even if you end up not agreeing or feeling consonant with another's way, the practice of staying open is one that keeps you flexible. Reset the default so that there is more possibility for play in the margins of life.

We are not a rigid community. We do progress. We grow more supple and willing to take on new challenges. This dynamic of embracing and seeking change helps when the days are short and there's nonstop holiday music blaring from every street corner, every aisle ... If this is a time when depression tends to take hold, try something new, risk moving out of the darkness into what might start out feeling a bit "whacky" yet could provide access to experiences of awe, to a power of gratitude in us that surprises us and others with its sincere and welcoming generosity. Abandoning certainty for the unknown can lead to discoveries, which replace rigidity's bleakness with joy. How often, it seems, we choose what we know, when what we don't know can bring lightness of heart and lead to new vistas of great clarity and inspiration.

Let us choose the way that opens meaning for us, our families, community and the world. May the warmth and light of love be with you in this darkest of months.

Michael

HOLIDAY GIFTS FROM THE UUA BOOKSTORE ...

Now through December 9, receive *FREE SHIPPING* on purchases from the UUA Bookstore.

Find fabulous gift ideas for the whole family at www.uuabookstore.org/client/client_pages/HolidayNav.cfm



REV MICHAEL NELSON LIGHTS CANDLES DURING THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON DECEMBER 19, 2010

MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Monday,	December 5 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	December 6 -	10 am to 12 pm
Thursday,	December 15 -	1 to 3 pm
Friday,	December 16 -	1 to 3 pm
Tuesday,	December 20 -	3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	December 22 -	3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	December 28 -	12 to 2 pm

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGARDING RE - CORY ZELLER, DRE, NOVEMBER 22, 2011

Happy Holidays Everyone!

In the Religious Education program, we are fostering giving more than receiving this year. In the month of November, all of the classrooms got involved with helping others. The 3rd-6th graders learned about ethical eating and prepared a snack for the Fellowship involving all local foods. The K-2nd graders spent the month learning about and helping animals. They made wildlife feeders, collected blankets and towels for the Manhattan Animal Shelter, sold book-marks to earn money to donate to an animal-related charity, and learned about assistance dogs and monkeys. The preschoolers made get-well cards for ill members of the Fellowship and helped the 3rd-6th graders with their snack preparation. And, the infants and toddlers practiced activities they can do to help at home, like getting themselves dressed, brushing their teeth, setting the table, and washing the family pet. They also made decorations for the snack table and for their Thanksgiving tables at home.



In the month of December, the giving continues. The pre-K, K-2nd, and 3rd-6th grade classrooms will participate in the Guest at Your Table program by taking boxes to their houses for donations and asking other Fellowship members to get involved. If you are interested in donating, please find a child. And if you are not particularly interested, a child may find you anyway. How can you turn down a sweet face? All donations will go to helping individuals, families, and communities in need. You will learn all about this year's guests during the Children's Story time this month.

The kids will also spend class time in December learning about and celebrating Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas with their room grandparents. Each holiday has its unique and special traditions, which the kids will learn about in addition to recognizing that they all extol family and giving.

In the spirit of the holidays, the RE program will have two social events this month. The first will be Parents' Night Out on Friday, December 2, from 6:30-9:30 pm. The other will be a Family Fun Cookie Swap on Saturday, December 17, from 2-4 pm. Please join us for both!

The holidays are so much fun. We get to spend time with family, enjoy good food, and relax (ok, maybe only some of us get to do that!). Let us all focus on giving of ourselves this year instead of receiving!

Cheers! *Cory*

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S SCHEDULE

In December, 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 DECEMBER

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **DECEMBER 2**, drop the kids off at the Fellowship at 6:30 pm, and pick them up at 9:30 pm. The theme for the night is *birthdays*, complete with cake, games, and a movie. Mark your calendars! Suggested contribution is \$5 per child, to help cover expenses. Hope to see you there! *We need parent volunteers who can chaperone Parents' Night Out one night this year. Learn more from Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net*



Join us on Saturday, **DECEMBER 17**, from 2 to 4 pm, for a Holiday **COOKIE SWAP** for the whole family. Bring a batch or two of your favorite recipes, and pick up fun new cookies from other Fellowship families.



Learn more about family and youth activities at the Fellowship from Director of Religious Education Cory Zeller at 537-2349 dre@uufm.net

OWL PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

This winter, January 8 thru February 26, we will host two sections of OWL (Our Whole Lives) classes for K-1st and 4th-6th grade students. If your children will attend, or if you know of families outside of the Fellowship who would be interested in their children attending, please mark your calendars for the Parent Information session on Sunday, **DECEMBER 4**, from 1 to 3 pm.

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

Thank you everyone, for making sure all matches are secured following use, safely out of reach of small, curious fingers.

Kids, please tell an adult about any matches you find. Let's all stay safe!



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - *events are open to all interested people ...*

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (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

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, DECEMBER 9, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. UUFM members, friends, and the community, beginners and regulars, and those of all ages are welcome. We do multi-cultural drumming and love learning new songs. Bring your own drumming instrument or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, DECEMBER 14, at 11:30 am, at Cox Brothers BBQ, 223 McCall Road, 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

UUFM's **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** gathers on Saturday, DECEMBER 10, at the Fellowship, for a Full Moon Ritual honoring the Oak Moon. Deirdre's discussion group examines stones and their magickal properties and how to select your personal working stone. We seek to bring light into the darkness with the vitality of the sun and moon together, working together for our continued spiritual and physical health, and removing blockages in ourselves that keep us from moving forward, using the magick of fire. We begin at 5 pm with a potluck meal. Old sage or newly curious, all are warmly welcome. Learn more from Deirdre Greeley at (580) 919-9834 or saffyrr@gmail.com

Join our lively **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** again on Saturday, DECEMBER 17, as we turn the wheel, this time to Yule! Our holiday celebration will be filled with food, stories and joy as we once again welcome the Sun after the longest night of the year. Come learn the Pagan Celtic story of the Holly King and the Oak King, and watch the brave young Oak King defeat the aging Holly King as he leads us into the New Year. At 5 pm we'll feast together on winter stew and wassail. At 6 pm, we'll cut and decorate Yule cookies for the holiday season. Bring your holiday cookie cutters and decorations to share. We'll have a fun evening discussing the magickal hearth, and kitchen witchery. Learn more from Deirdre Greeley at (580) 919-9834 or saffyrr@gmail.com

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers on Wednesday, DECEMBER 28, at 7 pm. Watch email list and Sunday bulletin announcements for location and title. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

There will be NO **THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER** in December, to accommodate busy Holiday schedules. Please join us when we resume this popular monthly meal on Thursday, JANUARY 19, at 6 pm. Learn more about Third Thursday events from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

UUFM HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Our annual Craft and Bake Sale will be held following the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 11**. Share your artistic and culinary talents whatever they may be. Baked goods have been extremely popular in recent years. Can't bake now? We'll have a silent auction for cookies or cakes to be made closer to Christmas. To find out how you can donate your crafts, baked goods, or other assistance, ask to Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



CHILI COOKS NEEDED !!!

The theme for our **JANUARY 14** winter dinner is a "Chili Tasting," and we need your contributions. If you would like to share your favorite chili recipe, please submit your name and a description of your chili to Tom Phillips at (405) 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu, or Abigail Conrad at 537-0176 or aconrad@ksu.edu

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday, **DECEMBER 4** and **DECEMBER 11**, at 9:30 am, and Saturday, **DECEMBER 10**, at 1 pm, in the Fellowship's Main Sanctuary. Learn more about vocal music at the Fellowship from choral music director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

UUFM STRING PLAYERS

Knitters, crotchetiers, weavers and others are invited to join us in creating mittens, hats, and other winter wear for members of our local community. The items will be distributed to local service providers. All skill levels are welcome and experienced crafters will be available to assist you. Young knitters are welcome. There will be no meeting in December, due to busy holiday schedules. Join us next month on **JANUARY 19**, when we begin meeting following Third Thursday Suppers. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's Meadowlark Hills UU service gathers on Wednesday, **DECEMBER 28**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Rev Michael Nelson asks, *What Gifts Do You Share with the World?* Is it the gift of humor, courage, compassion or just being you? Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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, DECEMBER 2, 16, and 30, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are needed to occasionally fill in.* Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. Freewill donations are always welcome. Learn more from 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.*

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



The Social Action Committee seeks a volunteer or volunteers to coordinate our annual Souper Bowl Sunday food drive, held on the Sundays leading up to the Super

Bowl on February 5, 2012. Responsibilities include publicizing, setting up a designated collection basket or box at the Fellowship, and delivering the collected food to the Flint Hills Breadbasket. This is a great way to get involved, without the need for any long-term commitment. Learn more from Betty Banner, 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

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, DECEMBER 11, Helping Hands contributions will provide funds to purchase Holiday gifts for individuals and families residing at the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER** during Christmas. Folks living in the shelter are homeless, unemployed, and unable to meet basic needs. Your gifts will help to give some joy during this holiday season.

On November 13, the Helping Hands collection for SCORE (Southern Cluster Outreach and Extension Ministry) raised \$448.51. Thank you all for your generous contributions providing support to new and emerging Unitarian Universalist congregations in Kansas and western Missouri.

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. *These products make wonderful holiday gift baskets.* 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.



LEARNING MORE ABOUT SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

The next meeting of the UUFM Social Action Committee will be on Wednesday, DECEMBER 14, 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 our Fellowship.

ALL ABOUT US

New member **DEIRDRE GREELEY** joined the Fellowship several months ago. We asked her to tell us about herself and her family. She writes, "Keith and I have been married 13 years. I had a son and daughter when we got married, Lee and Juliette. Juliette, my daughter, and her girls are here with us until she finishes school. Her girls are Carrie and Lauren, the two cuties you see me with most Sundays. Instead of Gramma or Nana, they call me DeeDee. They love the RE program, and the wonderful people who lead them. My son Lee lives in Georgia and is getting married in May.

"Keith and I met through a mutual friend at Ft Hood, Texas, where we were both active duty Army. I was a medical laboratory technician teaching blood banking, but to keep our family from being split by different duty stations, I left the Army and the laboratory and went back to school to become a Registered Nurse. He is a combat engineer, and was looking for IEDs (roadside bombs) in Iraq until his safe return two weeks ago. I currently work at Meadowlark Hills, and I love to see the smiling faces of some of our residents every week at UUFM.

"I am an ordained Wiccan Priestess, and most notably started the Open Circle at Ft Hood in 1995. Although I'm Wiccan, I've always missed the weekly fellowship of the more traditional churches that I grew up in, but couldn't see myself praying to Jesus every week just to take part in the friendships and closeness of a church, until one day my friend told me about the Unitarian Universalist faith. I'm happy to say I've finally found a place where I feel at peace with my beliefs. I may be Wiccan, but now I'm also a UU. Keith was raised Seventh Day Adventist, but has no specific religious beliefs. He values reason and morality above religion, and agrees with the Seven Principles of UU.

"One of our hobbies since arriving in Kansas is geocaching, and we often spend a weekend afternoon outside beating the bushes for caches in the area. We also have two wonderful shelter dogs and a rescue cat that we've had for many years, and spend time walking and playing with them, too. When the weather's nice we'd much rather be outdoors than in. We like to bike, hike and camp. And since September, I've been leading the Pagan Friendship Circle here at UUFM [*see Circle activities on page 4*], and now that Keith's home, he's right there with me."

We asked Deirdre what people might be surprised to find out about them? She said, "We got married twice: the first one was a Wiccan handfasting on Halloween, and the second one was on the top of Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico on the Winter Solstice six weeks later. I carried mistletoe as my flowers, and every year on the Solstice, Keith has cut me a new sprig of mistletoe to hang. That is, until we came to Kansas ... we've found no mistletoe here."

PAT and **KEN EMBERS** plan to go to Bong Son, Vietnam, for the dedication of the Bong Son Lucky Stars Library Learning Center on December 9. Ken writes, "Several members of the 61st Assault Helicopter Co, the 'Lucky Stars,' will meet us there, plus members of the Libraries of Vietnam Project, and other interested persons. We are doing this as an investment in the future of our children in America and Vietnam. Communication and building relationships is fun and rewarding and leads to cross cultural understanding. Anyone can be a part of this project. In the future we will need not only money, but also skills, information and expertise that someone might offer by going to Vietnam or engaging online with our new friends there. The LOVP motto is, 'We always come back.' We plan the dedication to be the beginning of an ongoing relationship between Americans and Vietnamese kids and adults."

Congratulations to **DICK BEEMAN** who is retiring this month on December 31, 2011. Dick started working at the USDA Agricultural Research lab on College Avenue on December 17, 1979 (32 years ago). He will retain an office and access to a laboratory, and will continue to participate in ongoing research projects pro bono. When asked what he is most looking forward to, Dick said "I'm most looking forward to spending much more time painting in oils (portraits and landscapes), and of course, being an even more devoted house-husband to Sylvia, if such is possible."

We recently checked in with **CHRISTOPHER RENNER**. He is teaching Italian at KSU. This fall he has 16 hours (5 courses). So all he does while in Manhattan is work on lesson plans and teach. Since the salary at K-State is half what he made being a care provider, he still works weekends in Lawrence where he cares for an 87 year old stroke/congestive heart failure patient. After he finishes teaching on Thursdays at 7:30 pm, he load the cats into the car and heads to Lawrence where he works until 7 pm on Sunday night when he drives back to Manhattan. Christopher said he really appreciates the Fellowship's podcasts of our Sunday programs. This summer, he hopes to lead two study abroad tours in Italy. And next January, Christopher is planning a course entitled "Italia in bocca" (Italy in the mouth) that will combine language instruction with cooking.

"WHO'S THE UU?" CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

- ~ This UU graduated from high school at 15 years old. When 17, he/she traveled around Europe for nearly a year and remembers hearing Hitler on the loudspeakers while in Germany.
- ~ This UU couple had a guest at their open-air country wedding arrive with a squealing piglet tucked under his arm as a wedding present. They spent their honeymoon planting field corn for their new piglet.

See answers on page 7.

HARMONY FOR THE HOLIDAYS CONCERT

Fellowship members Cybil Perkins and Tom Philips invite you to Harmony for the Holidays, a joint concert by the Wamego Dutch Mill Chorus and the Little Apple Chorus, on Sunday, December 11. The show, offered at 2 pm, and 7 pm, will be the inaugural event in the new Manhattan Conference Center (410 South 3rd Street). A cash bar and light appetizers will be available. Ask Cybil at 587-8750 or cybila@yahoo.com, or Tom at (405) 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu, for tickets. Tickets are also available at the Manhattan Town Center Service Desk. Adults \$12; Seniors, Military and Students, \$10; Children 12 and under \$6.

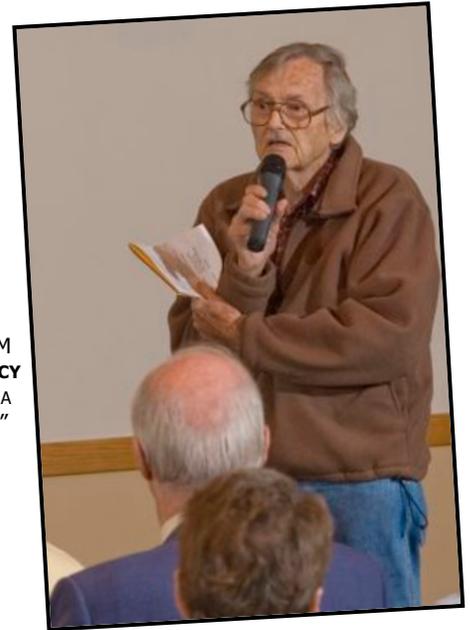
\$SHOP \$SMART GROCERY CERTIFICATES

UUFM is selling grocery certificates as a fund-raising activity, following Sunday services. The certificates spend just like cash and never expire. We have values of \$10 and \$25 for Dillons. Ray's Apple Market and Hy-Vee certificates are available by special order. The certificates are purchased from the Fellowship at face value, and the UUFM earns 4% of all certificates purchased! The beauty of the project is that it costs purchasers no more than they would normally spend on food, prescriptions, etc, but UUFM benefits with every purchase! Buy the certificates in the narthex after the Sunday service. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com, or Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

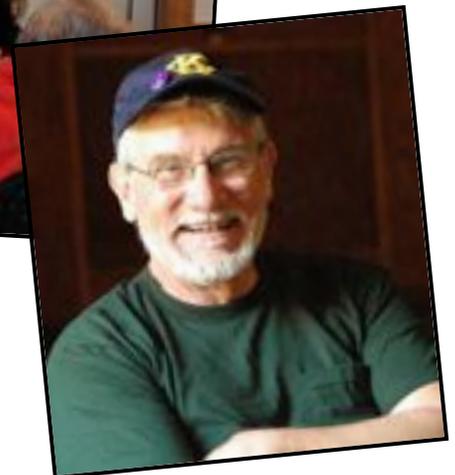
WHO'S THE UU? *Answers to questions from page 6 ...*

- ~ He/she graduated High School at 15, and traveled Europe at 17, hearing Hitler on the loudspeakers while in Germany. *Sam Lacy*
- ~ This couple received a piglet as a wedding gift. *June and Charley Kempthorne*

LONGTIME UUFM MEMBER **SAM LACY** SHARES DURING A "REMEMBRANCE" SERVICE ON MAY 10, 2009



FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS **JUNE** (LEFT) AND **CHARLEY** (BELOW) **KEMPTHORNE**





COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Dec 4: Barbara Hacker, Terri Franz, Gwen Geiselman, and Sam Lacy
- Dec 11: *Finance Committee in support of HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE*
- Dec 18: Harriette Janke, Ruth Friedmann, Tom Phillips, Stacey Broughman
- Dec 25: **POTLUCK REFRESHMENTS**
Bring Holiday snacks to share!

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

Thursday,	Dec 1 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Dec 5 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Dec 6 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Dec 8 - 4 to 7 pm
Monday,	Dec 12 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Dec 13 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Dec 15 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday,	Dec 17 - 11 am to 6 pm
Thursday,	Dec 22 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Dec 26 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Dec 27 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Dec 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

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the January edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Thursday, **DECEMBER 15**. *Please note: the January 2012 newsletter will be printed on Saturday, December 17, allowing Susan to spend Christmas Eve with her family.* Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

DECEMBER 2011 at UUFM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349	2 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church Ana Franklin, 341-9908 6:30 TO 9:30 PM PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!! Cory Zeller, 537-2349 <i>HANUKKAH - Jewish Begins at sundown</i>	3
4 9:30 AM UUFM SINGERS rehearse. Main Sanctuary 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ Rev Michael Nelson 1 TO 3 PM OWL PARENT'S MTG Cory Zeller, 537-2349	5 3 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER and MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	6 10 AM TO 12 PM MICHAEL NELSON 12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>ST NICHOLAS DAY - Christian</i>	7 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jupiter room Jack Warren, 539-4073 <i>AL HIJIRA - Islamic New Year Begins at sundown</i>	8 1 TO 5 PM C ZELLER 4 TO 7 PM S TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349 7 PM BOARD MEETING Anne Cowan, 537-2025 <i>ROHATSU (BODHI DAY) - Buddhist Prince Gautama attains Nirvana</i> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Catholic Christian	9 7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE Pat Embers, 539-2819	10 1 PM UUFM SINGERS rehearse Main Sanctuary 5 PM PAGAN CIRCLE <i>Full Moon Ritual / potluck</i> Deirdre Greeley (580) 919-9834
11 9:30 AM UUFM SINGERS 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>Seasonal reflections/music</i> HELPING HANDS SUNDAY Xmas at Emergency Shelter 12:15 PM HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE	12 3 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</i> Catholic Christian	13 12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349	14 11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH at Cox Bros BBQ Harriette Janke, 539-0865 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jupiter room 5:30 PM SOCIAL ACTION MTG S Broughman, 410-9413	15 12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 3 PM MICHAEL NELSON 1 TO 5 PM CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>last minute</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church Ana Franklin, 341-9908 1 TO 3 PM MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>ASHURA - Islamic recognition of the Creation</i>	17 11 AM TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349 2 TO 4 PM COOKIE SWAP Cory Zeller, 537-2349 5 PM PAGAN CIRCLE <i>Yule / potluck</i> 10TH TEVET - Jewish fast day, recalling siege of Temple by Babylonians
18 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ Rev Michael Nelson	19	20 1 TO 5 PM CORY ZELLER 3 TO 5 PM MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	21 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jupiter room Jack Warren, 539-4073 <i>YULE (SOLSTICE) - Wiccan/Pagan Begins at sundown</i>	22 12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM CORY ZELLER 3 TO 5 PM MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	23	24 7 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Main Sanctuary
25 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ Eric Banner  CHRISTMAS Christian / secular FEAST OF THE NATIVITY Orthodox Christian	26 3 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>KWANZAA begins</i> FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - Catholic Christian DEATH OF PROPHET ZARATHUSTRA Zoroastrian	27 12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349	28 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jack Warren, 539-4073 12 TO 2 PM M NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349 3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE K Oldfather, 537-3738 7 PM BOOK DISCUSSION Lorrie Cross, 539-7883	29 12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349	30 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church Ana Franklin, 341-9908	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE - secular