



JANUARY 2012 PROGRAMS

JANUARY 1 "REMEMBERING LAST YEAR'S LOSSES"

Worldwide, millions of members of the human family died in 2011. Several UUFM members will reflect on the contributions of women and men whose lives had special meaning for them. Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at mou812@ksu.edu or 537-3738.

JANUARY 8 "RESOLUTIONS"

As we enter a new year, many of us recommit ourselves to spiritual, social, and perhaps even material goals and aspirations in the ongoing pursuit of personal growth and fulfillment. There is a box in the narthex for your readings, poetry, and reflections on the New Year for use in this service. Please put your contribution into the box for what promises to be a beautiful service. Contact/convener is Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

JANUARY 15 "A MORE PERFECT UNION"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "What prejudices prevents one from effectively using their prophetic voice to bring harmony and justice to all? What privileges do we have that prevent us from helping to manifest Martin Luther King's vision of equality for all children regardless of race or class? How can we be more effective in building the dream of a 'more perfect union?'" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

JANUARY 22 "WHAT COMES AFTER THE BEER, PIZZA, AND SEX?"

Our guest is the Rev Lt Col Peter Bauer, who will be presenting a series of three lectures on Saturday, January 21, at the Fellowship. Rev Bauer explores how we, as a community, can help returning veterans cope with the stresses of combat through spiritual healing. Contact/convener is Ryan Myhre at 341-5746 or ryan.myhre@gmail.com

JANUARY 29 "WHEN SPIDER WEBS UNITE, THEY CAN HALT A LION"

The 'Third Side' the Global Negotiations Project at Harvard University, teaches creative ways of using conflict to move the world toward peace instead of destruction. How can we more effectively use conflict in our personal and shared lives? Join Reverends Thea Nietfeld and Michael Nelson in their exploration of how this happens. Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

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CHILI TASTING

Our Winter Dinner this year will be held on **JANUARY 14**. We're planning a Chili Tasting event. The theme is *American Cowboys and the Western Frontier*. This is a family event for children and adults of all ages. Wear your western gear, if you'd like, and be ready to enjoy an evening of good food and great fun. *Reservations are required.* Find a reservation slip and learn more on *page 4*.



UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

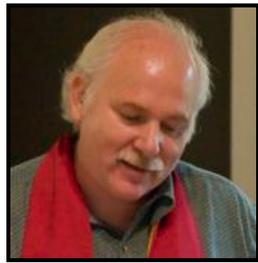
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Janus holds the number 365 in his hand. As the gatekeeper of time this Roman God's power spanned the mundane and cosmic. The juxtaposition of the infinite in the hands of the finite puts one in the orbit of the earth round the sun. As I gladly pay for my late fees at the public library I do not feel the magnetism of the sun pulling me with billions of others in a tilting cycle of time that marks our passage through life.

It amazes me how easily the vastness of our existence collapses into taking care of business. Some days feel like it's just one duty after another. Janus marks transitions. Something ends as something begins. Change, constant change is the way of life. This can be unnerving as kids grow up so fast, and you find yourself much older than you thought possible, especially as the people who held you as a baby die or died long ago.

Janus opens the doorway to the contrast between the everyday and the galactic. I recently read about one of those people who did something revolutionarily fabulous at a young age. He just turned 40 and a reporter asked him, 'How does it feel to be that old?'" (Of course, I'm thinking, that's young!) He shared that he didn't feel older. He feels ageless when he lives in a way that is relevant. My interpretation: relevant equals kinetic meaning--you live in the reality of this moment, stretching between the finite and the infinite.

Being centered in every moment feels impossible, but when I am living from core, I do not feel the weight of my age, the bygone days, lost opportunities all the things that anchor one to the past, and can yank the spirit down. At 101, Dorothea Tanning, calls herself the oldest emerging poet. Most known as a surrealist painter, married to Max Ernst, in 2004 she published her first book of poems, "A Table of Content" and has just published her second, "Coming to That." In between painting and writing she also tried her hand at sculpting. Obsessed by the universe, she can't stop exploring. She doesn't dread mortality, or simply accept or defy it; she lives in this here and this now, often dwelling on the big picture of life. This dreamer/philosopher artist does not live in a rarified world. Long post office lines make her impatient. Dorothea's advice: "Keep your eye on the inner world and keep away from ads, idiots and movie stars." Paying attention to what brings life into vital focus helps one balance all life's tensions, no matter what age we are. If we don't burn our experience through the fire of our own thought, as Ralph Waldo Emerson, the Unitarian poet, dreamer, essayist suggests, we are just a jumble of experiences with minimal transformative value and creative power.



Don't be afraid of mixing things up. Play keeps time flexing and can bring wonder and discovery to every age. "Many people find joy in actually doing something the pragmatist would call useless." Let us be inspired by Dorothea Tanning in this New Year. Joy is always useful, especially In January.

Michael



MICHAEL NELSON AND OTHER KIDS PLAY ON THE HILL IN FRONT OF THE FELLOWSHIP, WINTER 2006
(THANKS TO TOM MANNEY FOR HIS WONDERFUL PHOTOGRAPHY!)

MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

- Tuesday, January 3 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, January 5 - 3 to 5 pm
- Monday, January 9 - 4 to 6 pm
- Thursday, January 12 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 17 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, January 19 - 4 to 7 pm
- Wednesday, January 25 - 12 to 2 pm
- Thursday, January 26 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 31 - 3 to 5 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, 2012

Happy New Year! We sure are happy in the RE program. 2011 was a great year--we learned about World Religions, traveled the world with expert tour guides, studied the Seven Principles, engaged in social action projects, and celebrated the holidays. We also partied hard at Parents' Nights Out and Family Fun events. 2012 promises to be an awesome year too. This year we'll study the Judeo-Christian roots of Unitarian Universalism, learn more about our religion and Fellowship through the *Chalice Children* curriculum, and grow through a variety of activities and games. Our K-2nd and 3rd-6th graders will take *Our Whole Lives* classes to gain knowledge about their bodies and respect for themselves. We will also continue Parents' Night Outs and Family Fun events in addition to participating in Fellowship-wide events like the upcoming Chili Tasting.

In January, the K-2nd and 3rd-6th graders start a new curriculum on the Judeo-Christian roots of Unitarian Universalism. Each week they will explore a Bible story through the lens of Unitarian Universalism, learning the characters, plotlines, and morals. Our hope is that these lessons will give our children the tools to speak intelligently about the Bible and the confidence to engage in discussion about it with their peers. The preschoolers continue their *Chalice Children* curriculum, studying the Unitarian Universalist religion and the joys of being a part of our Fellowship. The infants and toddlers will continue to explore new themes each week with accompanying activities and stories.

Also, starting this month, we will have *Our Whole Lives* class meetings on Sundays from 1-2 pm. If you have a K-2nd or 4th-6th grader who would be interested in taking this class, please plan on attending the *mandatory Family Orientation* meeting on January 7, from 1-4 pm, and all eight class meetings from January 8-February 26. OWL is a wonderful curriculum and promises to be an exceptional learning experience for our kids.

Our monthly Parents' Night Out will be Friday, January 6, from 6:30-9:30 pm at the Fellowship. The theme is resolutions and promises. Our Family Fun event this month is the Chili Tasting on Saturday, January 14. We will have kid-specific activities while enjoying a variety of yummy chilies.

Finally, the spirit of giving in the RE program will not stop just because the holidays are over. In the month of January we will work with the Social Action committee to advertise and ignite involvement and enthusiasm for the Souper Sunday food collection for the Bread Basket. Look out for our posters and growing pyramid of cans!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. May 2012 be our best year yet!

Cory

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S SCHEDULE

In January, Cory will be available in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS** from **1 TO 5 PM**, with the exception of Tuesday, January 3, and Thursday, January 5.

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

FAMILY EVENTS IN JANUARY

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **JANUARY 6**, drop the kids off at the at 6:30 pm, and pick them up at 9:30 pm. The theme for the night is *resolutions and promises*. Mark your calendars! Suggested contribution is \$5 per child, to help cover expenses. Hope to see you there! *We need parent volunteers. Learn more from Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net*



Join us Saturday, **JANUARY 14**, at 5:30 pm, for the Fellowship's Western-themed *Chili Tasting Dinner*. Come sample a variety of succulent chili recipes from members and friends, including white, red, vegetarian, and gluten free choices. Cowboy/western wear is encouraged, and *kid friendly activities are planned*. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$2 for kids 6 to 12. Kids under 6 eat free.

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

REQUIRED OWL ORIENTATION MEETING

If your child(ren) will join us in Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes beginning this month, please mark your calendar! You and your OWL student(s) must attend a mandatory orientation class on Saturday, **JANUARY 7**, from 1 to 4 pm at the Fellowship. Classes will meet on Sunday afternoons, from 1 to 2 pm, beginning on Sunday, January 8.



KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

Thank you everyone, for making sure all matches are safely secured following use, 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

UUFM's **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** gathers on Saturday, JANUARY 7, at the Fellowship. Come be with us for the January Full Moon Esbat, as Morrigan Oran leads a full moon circle. 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

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, JANUARY 11, at 11:30 am, at Meadowlark Hill's Prairie Star Restaurant, 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

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, JANUARY 13, 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

On JANUARY 19, immediately preceding Third Thursday Supper at 5:30 pm, Mark Moser leads a **TAI CHI**-based meditation session in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more from Mark at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER gathers on JANUARY 19, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. We welcome food brought 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 children's activities. Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

Following Third Thursday Supper on JANUARY 19, novice and experienced crafters of all stripes, and all ages are invited to **CRAFT NIGHT** (formerly the UUFM String Players / Knitting Group). Come enjoy supper and bring your craft projects to work on afterwards. Bring all supplies you'll need. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers on Wednesday, JANUARY 25, 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

UUFM WINTER DINNER / CHILI TASTING EVENT



The UUFM Social/Membership Committee requests the pleasure of your presence on Saturday, **JANUARY 14**, at 5:30 pm, at the Fellowship, for our western-themed Chili Tasting Family Event. Come dressed for the occasion in your cowboy/cowgirl finery, if you'd like, and sample a variety of Chili recipes including vegetarian, meat, red, white, and gluten free, accompanied by cornbread, salad, beverages, and desserts. Cider, beer and wine will be available at an additional charge. The chili has been donated by many of our Fellowship chefs, and we still have room for a few more volunteer chili cooks. Cost for adults is \$10 (\$5 for meal and 5 tickets to vote for your favorite recipe); youth age 6 to 16 \$2; kids under 6 and Chili Chefs eat free. Kid friendly activities are planned, so bring the whole family! Reservations must be received by Sunday, January 8. Learn more from Tom Phillips, 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu, or Abigail Conrad, 537-0176 or aconrad@ksu.edu

Name _____ # of adults drinking wine? _____ beer? _____ cider? _____
 # of adults (\$10) _____ kids 6-16 (\$2) _____ kids under 6 (free) _____ Food allergies or sensitivities? _____

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday, **JANUARY 29**, at 9 am, 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



THE UUFM SINGERS AND CHORAL DIRECTOR MICHAEL OLDFATHER IN FULL VOICE, DURING THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON DECEMBER 11, 2011

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's Meadowlark Hills UU service gathers on Wednesday, **JANUARY 25**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Rev Michael Nelson invites reflection on the topic, *Justice for All*. He asks, "Does ageism have an impact on your life? How do you best practice keeping yourself from being marginalized, as people sometimes only relate to your age and not your individuality?" 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, JANUARY 13 and 27, 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 kicks off our annual Souper Bowl Food Drive for the Flint Hills Bread Basket on Sunday, January 1, thru Super Bowl

Sunday, February 5. Look for the collection box in the narthex. Foods currently being needed at the Bread Basket include pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, and canned meats. Of course, any canned or shelf-stable foods are appreciated and distributed. Currently, 20.6% of Riley County citizens live below the poverty level. Look for more information throughout the weeks leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. Learn more from Deirdre Greeley, (580) 919-9834 or saffyrr@gmail.com

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

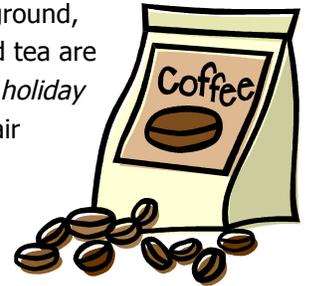
Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, JANUARY 8, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **MANHATTAN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**. Boys and Girls Clubs provide mentors for children ages 6 to 18 promoting positive growth. Additionally, the club offers before and after school care for children and youth at their main facility on 5th Street and at six area elementary schools. Find more information about the club's many youth empowering programs at www.bgclubmanhattan.com

On December 11, Helping Hands funds were collected to purchase Holiday gifts and necessities for residents of the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. Santa's helpers from the Fellowship, young and old put gift contributions of \$624 to good use, and an additional \$120 was donated to support Emergency Shelter operations. Thank you all for your generous contributions!

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

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE

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, JANUARY 11, at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. Anyone interested in Social Justice issues is 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

We have another writer in our midst! Please welcome **THOMAS L PAGE** to our Fellowship. Tom has recently moved from Wichita and lives at The Homestead. He is a poet with over 100 published poems. He earned his MFA from Wichita State, and also earned a masters degree in political science from Vanderbilt in Nashville. He says, "That was the only way to survive" the times. He organized "Students for Kennedy" while there. Tom moved to Manhattan to be near his daughter **KATIE KINGERY-PAGE** (our next month's feature!). He is a man who thrives on poetry, adventure, and the search for justice. For writers, he recommends, "Buy lots of envelopes and stamps and don't let rejections stop you." Good advice! Welcome, Tom.

Congratulations to **KATIE** and **RYAN MYHRE** and the boys. They are expecting their third child next spring.

Please extend condolences to **COURTNEY** and **NATHAN ALBIN** for the recent loss of Courtney's grandmother.

PHOEBE SAMELSON, who lives at Lyle House at Meadowlark, now has access to a computer and can receive and send emails for the first time in quite awhile. You can reach her at psamel@ksu.edu

EDITH and **AARON HINRICHS** returned to their home in Fairhope, Alabama, the week of December 12 after an extended visit in Manhattan with family. Last Sunday, Edith expressed how much she loves our Fellowship and misses it when she is gone. It was fun to have Edith with us at all our recent services and activities.

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

- ~ This person was a professional actor/actress. His/her spouse was featured in the December *Who's the UU?* column.
- ~ This UU couple met when he delivered farm-fresh eggs to the 4-H camp where she had a summer job teaching arts and crafts.

See answers on page 7.

NOTABLE JANUARY EVENTS IN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

January 20, 1566 - Frances David (Ferenc Dávid) offers the first Unitarian oration in the church of Kolosvar, Transylvania.

January 6, 1568 - *Diet of Torda*, Transylvania. Debate between Unitarian Francis David and Calvinist Péter Melius Juhász led to recognition of Unitarian Church in Transylvania.

January 13, 1568 - *Edict of Torda*, Transylvania. Influenced by the preaching of Francis David, Prince John Sigismund (János Zsigmond Zápolya) issues an edict of religious liberty, declaring official toleration of "other" religions.

January 28, 1568 - *Edict of Tolerance*, Transylvania. Prince John Sigismund issues final Edict covering all religious sects.

January 14, 1571 - *Edict of Maros*, Transylvania. Legal recognition of equality of Unitarianism with Catholicism, Lutheranism, and Calvinism.

Thank you Barbara Bascom for providing this information!

TIMELINE OF UNITARIAN AND UNIVERSALIST HISTORY

We begin this month with events in the spiritual roots of our traditions. We will continue with monthly segments in this, and future newsletters, as space allows. The timeline was developed by Gregory Giacobe, of the First Unitarian Church of Essex County, New Jersey.

14th Century BCE - Pharaoh Akhenaton establishes the cult of Aton, the Sun Disc, in Egypt. The earliest recorded instance devotion to one, unified godhead.

8th to 4th Century BCE - Commentaries on the *Rig Veda* and the *Upanishads* claim all religions are true and therefore worthy of toleration and respect. This begins a current in Hinduism that lasts to the present. Ananda Marga, a recent branch of Hinduism, teaches that energy and matter are evolved from cosmic consciousness. Thus, all created beings are of one universal family.

6th Century BCE - Hebrew prophets increasingly expound the idea that the God of Abraham is the only true God.

6th to 2nd Century BCE - Jewish compilers and commentators of the Torah and Talmud develop the idea of the "Righteous Gentile," based on the "Noahide Code," a binding set of laws for all humankind.

ca 300 BCE - Zeno of Citium, founder of the Stoic school of philosophy, teaches a principle of universal restoration of humankind with nature and gods, "apokatastasis."

Watch for the next installment in the February newsletter.

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

~ He/she was a professional actor/actress. **YVONNE LACY** worked as a professional actress in London. (Ask about her experience in pantomime.) Another fascinating fact is that Yvonne's grandmother was a royal dressmaker!

~ This couple met through a delivery of farm-fresh eggs. **HARRIETTE** and **ALLEN JANKE** met while Harriette was working at Rock Springs 4-H camp. She noticed a handsome young man who came by weekly to sell eggs from his family farm near Chapman, Kansas. They took a life-saving class together at the camp, and practiced rescuing each other from the middle of the pool. They were married a year later.

HARRIETTE (CENTER) AND **ALLEN JANKE** SHARE DINNER AND CONVERSATION WITH RUTH FRIEDMANN



YVONNE LACY SPEAKS DURING THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON DECEMBER 11, 2011

\$HOP \$MART 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 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, 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com, or Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com



SPIRITUAL HEALING FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS

UUFM is honored to host Rev Lt Col Peter Bauer who will discuss PTSD, TBI, and spiritual healing. Rev Bauer will present a series of three lectures at the Fellowship, Saturday, **JANUARY 21**, to help us explore how we as a community can help returning veterans cope with the stresses of combat through spiritual healing.

The lectures include:

- *Spiritual Issues and Combat Stress*
- *Current and Future Treatment Interventions for PTSD*
- *Current Interventions for TBI: Symptoms of Depression and Anger*

The lectures take place between 8 am and 2:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Main Sanctuary. A light lunch will be served, at no cost, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of food, and Rev Bauer's transportation and expenses.

These lectures are open to the public, so please spread the word to family, friends and colleagues. Those interested in attending the Saturday lectures may RSVP to Ryan Myhre at 341-5746 or ryan.myhre@gmail.com. *Space is limited.*

On Sunday, January 22, Rev Bauer leads our morning service. His sermon is entitled, "What Comes After the Beer, Pizza, and Sex." The service begins at 10:45 am.

Register to attend the lecture series, and learn more about Rev Bauer's time in our area from Ryan Myhre at 341-5746 or ryan.myhre@gmail.com



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- January 1: **HOLIDAY POTLUCK**
Bring a holiday snack to share
- January 8: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster, Kelly Neel, and Dan Marcus
- January 15: Abigail Conrad, Diane Barker, Judy Exdell, Gail Ragan, and Deirdre Greeley
- January 22: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Sam and Cory Zeller
- January 29: Ana Franklin, Jim Shanteau, Ken and Pat Embers, and Florence Schwab

Coffee and greeting teams sign up for only three Sundays each year. *Volunteering to serve on a team 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 teams are vital to the welcoming atmosphere of Fellowship life, helping visitors get acquainted, and creating a comfortable setting for continuing conversation.

Administrator's Schedule

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

Monday,	January	2 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	January	3 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	January	5 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	January	9 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	January	10 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	January	12 - 4 to 7 pm
Monday,	January	16 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	January	17 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	January	19 - 4 to 9 pm
Saturday,	January	21 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday,	January	23 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	January	24 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	January	26 - 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 sandralounelson@yahoo.com or 341-0135, 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

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the February edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Thursday, **JANUARY 19**. Please note: the February newsletter will be printed on Saturday, January 21, as Susan is traveling to Ireland at the end of January. *Volunteers are needed to print and fold Sunday bulletins while she is out of the country.* Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

JANUARY 2012 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
Remembering Losses
SHOGATSU/OSHOGATSU Shinto
New Year
NEW YEARS DAY secular
FEAST OF ST BASIL THE GREAT
Orthodox Christian

2

3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

3

12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

4

12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room
Jack Warren, 539-4073

5

12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at
Fellowship, 537-2349

BIRTH OF GURU
GOBINDH SINGH Sikh

6

6:30 TO 9:30 PM
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!!
Cory Zeller, 537-2349

EPIPHANY Christian
CHRISTMAS
Armenian Orthodox

7

1 TO 4 PM
OWL ORIENTATION MTG
Cory Zeller, 537-2349
5 PM PAGAN CIRCLE
Full Moon Esbat / potluck
D Greeley, (580) 919-9834
CHRISTMAS Rastafarian
and Orthodox Christian

8

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
New Beginnings
HELPING HANDS SUNDAY
Boys and Girls Club
1 TO 2 PM OWL CLASS
Cory Zeller, 537-2349

9

3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
4 TO 6 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

10

12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
CORY ZELLER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

11

12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH
Meadowlark Restaurant
Harriette Janke, 539-0865
5:30 PM
SOCIAL ACTION MTG

12

4 TO 7 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM BOARD MEETING
Inez Alsop room. Anne
Cowan, 537-2025

13

7:30 AM HAPPY
KITCHEN breakfast
St Paul's Episcopal
Ana Franklin, 341-9908
7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE
Pat Embers, 539-2819

ST HILARY'S DAY
Catholic Christian

14

6 PM CHILI TASTING
at the Fellowship
reservations requested
Tom Phillips, 405 880-6483
MAKAR SANKRATI Hindu
celebrating sun's journey into
Northern Hemisphere

15

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Rev Michael Nelson
1 TO 2 PM OWL CLASS
Cory Zeller, 537-2349

SELJIN SHIKI Shinto
Adults' Day

16

3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

17

12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
CORY ZELLER
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room
Jack Warren, 539-4073

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
January 18 to 25

19

5:30 PM TAI CHI
6 PM
THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER
Susan Turner, 537-2349
7:15 PM CRAFT NIGHT
Betty Banner, 776-1887

last minute
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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JANUARY 21
FEAST OF ST AGNES
Catholic Christian

21

8 AM TO 2:30 PM
SPIRITUAL HEALING
AND COMBAT STRESS
Lecture series
w/Rev Lt Col Peter Bauer
Ryan Myhre, 341-5746
11 AM TO 6 PM S TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Rev Lt Col Peter Bauer
1 TO 2 PM OWL CLASS
Cory Zeller, 537-2349

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3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

CHINESE NEW YEAR

24

12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
CORY ZELLER
at Fellowship, 537-2349

25

12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
Jack Warren, 539-4073
12 TO 2 PM M NELSON
3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE
7 PM BOOK DISCUSSION
Lorrie Cross, 539-7883

26

12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
CORY ZELLER
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

27

7:30 AM HAPPY
KITCHEN break-
fast. St Paul's Episcopal
Church, 601 Poyntz
Ana Franklin at 341-9908

28

FEAST OF ST THOMAS AQUINAS
Catholic Christian
VASANT PANCHAMI Hindu
honoring goddess Saraswati
and arrival of Spring

29

9 AM UUFM
SINGERS rehearse
M Oldfather, 537-3738
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Rev Michael Nelson
and Rev Thea Nietfeld
1 TO 2 PM OWL CLASS
Cory Zeller, 537-2349

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1 TO 5 PM
CORY ZELLER
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
at Fellowship, 537-2349

BIRTH OF GURU HAR RAI Sikh
Nanakshahi calendar

