



FEBRUARY 2012 PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 5 "CUPID'S ARROW IN AN ECONOMIST'S QUIVER"

Vincent Amanor-Boadu leads a conversation exploring the economics of romantic love and its effect on people's choices. He explores how time and other resource constraints influence people's choices in the selection of their romantic lovers and how feedback and learning from these relationships influence the value they place on the relationship. Contact/convener is Dave Lambert at 587-8750 or david.k.lambert@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 12 "A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO???"

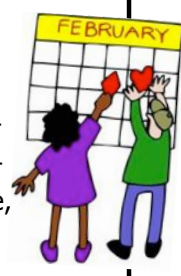
Unitarians played a vital role in helping women in their struggle to gain the right to vote. Enell Foerster and Rev Michael Nelson will investigate how this fundamental shift in power occurred and examine how the need for further empowerment continues. Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

FEBRUARY 19 "HAPPINESS"

Dave Lambert explores the growing focus of economists on happiness. Once considered an unobservable and even an unnecessary concept underlying people's choices, economists have more recently explored how the pursuit of happiness guides choices and is an important measure of personal and social well being. It is, after all, not all about the money. Contact Dave at 587-8750 or david.k.lambert@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 26 "A FESTIVAL OF BACH"

Fellowship member Jim Shanteau leads a "mostly Bach" musical program that features his venerable Woodwinds Anonymous ensemble. The day's spiritual message will be delivered in the universal language of music, with featured speakers to include flute, clarinet, oboe and others. Contact Jim at 537-0526 or shanteauj@yahoo.com



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THINGS UU CHURCHES DO RIGHT - MELISSA AND DAVID MCKEE, JANUARY 19, 2012

Fellowship members Melissa and David McKee share some thoughts on things that have worked in various UU congregations they have been a part of around the country. Sadly, there was not sufficient room in the newsletter for the complete text. Please visit our web site, at <http://uufm.net/?p=2408>, to view David and Melissa's full commentary.

We aren't quite lifetime UU's, but we're close. Melissa's family joined The First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio



MELISSA MCKEE SPEAKS
DURING THE SERVICE
ON JULY 25, 2010

(FUUSA) when she was in preschool; David's family joined the same church when he was a teen. Over the last fifteen years the demands of grad school and post-doctoral appointments have kept us moving. As such we bring considerable experience with UU churches across the country. We want to talk about things that some of these churches do well. We are drawing these

thoughts from the UU churches, fellowships, congregations and societies that we've attended at least a few times. We count eight in that list.

Some of these are things that UUFM already does well, some are things that we could probably do better, and some may not be a good fit for our community: this isn't intended as some kind of checklist of *Things That Must Be Done* ...

Our thoughts can be grouped into things that make a UU group welcoming to visitors and newcomers; things that give our services a feeling of continuity and our facilities and worship a feeling of sanctity; and things which encourage the growth of our denomination and congregations and help us to manage the slightly different culture of larger congregations without losing the closeness of our community.

Let's face it: we're a minority denomination everywhere and not well understood ...

At the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tuscaloosa (UUCT) they did a particularly good job of greeting visitors, making sure they were introduced to a member who would show them around and introduce them to the minister and the DRE ...

Something we do very well and really does help as a visitor or a new member are our use of nametags. Almost everyone wears theirs and this means that a visitor doesn't have to try and remember all of the names of people they've met ...

Another thing that is important to have is good literature explaining who and what we are. The Principles and Purposes cards that we have are a great place to start ...

A big difference between many of the UU congregation we've attended and more traditional churches is a lack of sense of sanctity in the sanctuary. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of the Peninsula (UUFPP) in Newport News, Virginia was a big exception ...

David in particular likes a sense of ritual in the service without expecting or desiring a high degree of uniformity (as if ...) or a "High Church" feel. Several of the churches we've been part of have succeeded in framing the service with a few fairly reliable ... touchpoints [*such as*] chalice lighting ...

... If we are truly successful in reaching out to new comers, our churches will grow and that is in itself a challenge ... To make a big church work it must be built of smaller units without becoming cliquish. Lots of activities ... like circle suppers--which bring church members together in smaller groups ... are needed ...

Friendliness to financially distressed members takes many forms. Just pledging enough to cover UUA and regional dues can be a burden for some ...

The audio recording efforts here and at the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalist (WUU) church in Virginia are very helpful ...

As nomads the last several years we have always looked for a UU church to help provide people who will accept us for who we are; a place where we know we are welcome; and an immediate home and connection in our new community. We would like all who come to this congregation to have the same feeling of welcome and place that we know and found there.

Melissa and David

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, February	1 - 3 to 5 pm
Monday, February	6 - 5 to 7 pm
Thursday, February	9 - 4 to 7 pm
Tuesday, February	14 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday, February	15 - 3 to 5 pm

February 20 thru February 26, Michael will be participating in a continuing education opportunity. Between February 27 and March 4, he will take a few accumulated vacation days. 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, JANUARY 19, 2012

Love is in the air! The Religious Education program is full of love after a wonderful month of January. We started new classes on Sundays and began the *Our Whole Lives* program. We rung in the New Year at Parents' Night Out and had a rootin' tootin' good time at the Chili Tasting.

This month we are going to celebrate our love for each other and our fellow community members at a Valentine's-themed Parents Night Out on Friday, February 3, by counting cans for the Flint Hills Breadbasket on Sunday, February 5, and at a Valentine's Party at Meadowlark Hills on Saturday, February 11. The theme for PNO this month will be Valentine's Day. We will make cards, decorate cookies, play cupid games, and watch a love-themed movie. On Sunday, the February 5, we will show our love for others in the community by counting the collected cans for the Flint Hills Breadbasket and arranging delivery of them. Then, on Saturday, February 11, we will extend love to our Meadowlark Hills UUFM residents at a Valentine's Party. We will share snacks, give Valentine's cards, and perform some musical numbers to celebrate the special holiday.

Love will abound in our classes as well. This month, the K-2nd and 3rd-6th graders will continue their study of the Judeo-Christian roots of Unitarian Universalism through Bible stories. The preschoolers continue to learn about Unitarian Universalism and our Fellowship through their *Chalice Children* lessons. And, the infants and toddlers will continue to learn new themes each week.

Love will be talked about directly in our *Our Whole Lives* classes this month. The K-2nd and 4th-6th graders will celebrate their bodies, learn about safe touches, and discuss different types of relationships. Their classes conclude on February 26.

Valentine's Day has become a bit of a Hallmark holiday, but I think it serves as a useful reminder to show our love and not take love for granted. We deeply care for our families, fellow UUFM members, and our community, so let us spend this month showing it. No gesture is too grand! For, we are the church of the open mind, the helping hands, and the *warm heart*. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, *Cory*

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S SCHEDULE

In February, Cory Zeller will be available in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS** from **1:15 TO 5:15 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 FEBRUARY

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **FEBRUARY 3**, drop the kids off at 6:30 pm, and pick them up at 9:30 pm. The theme for the night is *Valentine's Day*. We'll make cards, decorate cookies, play cupid games, and watch a movie. Mark your calendars! Suggested contribution is \$5 per child, to help cover expenses. Hope to see you there! *Learn more from Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net*



Join us Saturday, **FEBRUARY 11**, from 4 to 6 pm, in the Meadowlark Hills Community Room for a Fellowship *Valentine's Party*. A light dinner, ice tea, and punch will be served, and the children will share Valentine's cookies for dessert. After dinner, children will provide entertainment with some musical numbers. If your child(ren) need a ride, please let us know.

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



OWL CLASSES CONTINUE IN FEBRUARY

Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes continue this month for Kindergarten thru 2nd grade and 4th thru 6th grade students. Classes meet on Sunday afternoons, from 1 to 2 pm. The final class session will be held on Sunday, February 26. Learn more from Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net



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, FEBRUARY 4, at the Fellowship, for an *Imbolc* Sabbat celebration honoring the Goddess Brigid, the renewal of life, and the Storm Moon. We begin at 5 pm with a milk and honey themed pot-luck meal. Bring a dish to share if you are able. 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, FEBRUARY 8, at 11:30 am, at Baan Thai Restaurant, near People's Grocery on Ft Riley Blvd. Come for lively discussion and great company. 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, FEBRUARY 10, 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're looking forward to having Richard Pitts lead us in drumming to celebrate Black History Month. Bring your own rhythm instrument or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

On FEBRUARY 16, 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 FEBRUARY 16, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. Michael Nelson and Susan Turner are both away this month, and *Cory Zeller needs your help* to make this popular event happen! Learn more, and find out how you can assist, from Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net. Fun activities are planned, so bring the kids!

Following Third Thursday Supper on FEBRUARY 16, 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 at 7 pm, on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 29, at the Franz residence. We'll discuss *Housekeeping*, by Marilynne Robinson. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net



SWING DANCING FOR COUPLES

A Swing Dancing for Couples class begins Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 21**, and continues every Tuesday at 7 pm at the Fellowship. This class provides an opportunity to enhance your relationship while learning the Lindy Hop, the grandfather of swing dances. Each class will build on the previous week. All couples are welcome. Learn more from Drew Vennum, 785 236-8802 or drewvennum@gmail.com

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's Meadowlark Hills UUFM service gathers on Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 22**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Dick and Judy Cattell lead the discussion, while Rev Michael Nelson is away. We will talk about the ways in which aging has changed the search for meaning in our lives. Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



VALENTINE'S PARTY

The UUFM Caring Committee and RE students invite everyone to a Valentine's Party in Meadowlark Hills' Manhattan Room on Saturday, **FEBRUARY 11**, from 4 to 6 pm. Join us for a light dinner, iced tea, and punch. The children will create Valentine's cookies during Parents Night Out on February 4. They're also planning special entertainment with some songs and other creations. Bring family and friends and come enjoy the love of the season. Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or caring@uufm.net. Tell Cory Zeller, at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net, if your child needs a ride.

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, 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, FEBRUARY 10 and 24, 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.*

CASA SPRING TRAINING

There's a child waiting for your voice! Choose to be the difference between abuse and hope. Become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system.

Spring training begins Monday, February 13, at 6 pm, at the First Lutheran Church, located at 930 Poyntz Avenue, and continues on Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks, from 6 to 9 pm.

To register or learn more, contact CASA Resource Development Director Bridget Howland at bridget@sunflowercasa.org or 537-6367.

MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER

Donate your aluminum cans to benefit the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc, at Howie's Recycling, 625 S 10th Street. Funds generated from recycled aluminum will be placed in a designated account to be given to MESI.

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, FEBRUARY 12, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **PEGGY BOWMAN SECOND CHANCE FUND** assisting Kansas women who are poor, pregnant, and have determined that continuing their pregnancy is not in the best interests of them and their families. In 2011, the fund helped 100 women, ages 13 to 45. Learn more at www.pbscf.org

On January 8, Helping Hands funds were collected for the Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan, totaling \$460.36. Thank you all for your generous contributions!

HELPING HANDS APPLICATIONS

The Social Action Committee is accepting applications for Helping Hands for the fiscal year that begins in June. The purpose of Helping Hands is to support 501(c)(3) qualified local agencies offering direct service(s) to the community. If you know of an organization that should be considered for Helping Hands funds, please let them know. Pick up an application form in the narthex, or visit <http://uufm.net/social-action/> and scroll down to the *Helping Hands Application* link. Applications must be submitted by March 30, 2012. Learn more from 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. 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.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Social Action Committee and RE students continue the Souper Bowl Food Drive for the Flint Hills Breadbasket until Super Bowl Sunday, on FEBRUARY 5. Look for the collection box in the narthex. Foods currently needed at the Breadbasket include pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, and canned meats. Of course, any canned or shelf-stable foods are appreciated and distributed. Ask Deirdre Greeley at (580) 919-9834 or saffyrr@gmail.com

LEARN MORE ABOUT SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

The UUFM Social Action Committee will meet in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room at 5:30 pm, on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 8. Fellowship members and friends who would like to learn more, or become more involved in Social Action at UUFM are invited to observe. Learn more from Stacey Broughman at socialaction@uufm.net or 410-9413.

ALL ABOUT US

Thank goodness for our Flint Hills. Their beauty draws back lovely people such as **KATIE KINGERY-PAGE**. Katie is a new member to our Fellowship, but not new to Manhattan. She lived in Manhattan before, and has returned to teach Landscape Architecture at KSU. Katie lives in Manhattan with her husband, Lindsay Smith and their two daughters, Iris and Ruby. During her childhood, Katie's parents surrounded her with fascinating people interested in the arts of sculpture, poetry, and writing. She also learned a strong sense of the dynamic world and her place in it. She studied sculpture at Wichita State, trained at the Art Institute of Chicago, and received her Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from Kansas State. She feels lucky to have had her parent's influence in her life and to have her father (**TOM PAGE**) nearby. She is passionate about our environment and wants to wake up each day surrounded by the subtle beauty of the Flint Hills. *Welcome to our Fellowship, Katie.*

Please extend your sympathy to **JIM SHANTEAU** who recently lost his mother, **HELEN SHANTEAU**, an active participant in UUFM services and activities. Helen was 91.

We wish **LARRY WEAVER** a speedy recovery from shoulder surgery. It doesn't seem the same around the Fellowship without him.

JENNIFER BRYAN recently announced that her temporary position at Lee School as a Paraprofessional has now become a regular position. Jennifer works with special needs children. She shared this poem on a recent Sunday program about New Year's resolutions.

*To write a poem took all my thoughts
To make a list of shoulds and oughts
Do birds make lists of things each year
To pep themselves into high gear?
Prob'ly not, I say to you
It is from Earth they take their cue.*

*So should a list I make for me
to visit ocean, creek, or sea?
Or take long walks at night each day
Which would enrich my earthly stay?
To toss the cakes, replace with stew
What would most make me more like you?*

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

- ~ This UU dated Richard Simmons.
- ~ This UU met his/her spouse of 30 years when they were both live models for figure drawing classes at KSU.

See answers on page 7.

FEBRUARY EVENTS IN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

February 24 1566 - First public dispute of the Trinity, Transylvania

The first disputation (open dispute/debate) of the existence of the Trinity in Transylvania was opened by Francis David (Ferenc Dávid) under the authority of Prince John Sigismund (János Zsigmond Zápolya). After "winning" the subsequent debates at Torda two years later (1568), the anti-Trinitarians were officially recognized, leading to the historical founding of the Unitarian church. Transylvanian Unitarians, as well as today's Unitarian Universalists, consider Francis David a "founding father" of their religion. When David was publicly challenged and the reversal of the Edicts was threatened (by Calvinists and others opposed to Unitarianism), he said, "I will defend to my death your right to do so."

Thank you Barbara Bascom for providing this information!

TIMELINE OF UNITARIAN AND UNIVERSALIST HISTORY

Our timeline of Unitarian and Universalist history continues into the first centuries of the Common Era. Further segments will appear in future newsletters, as space allows.

This timeline was developed by Gregory Jacobbe, of the First Unitarian Church of Essex County, New Jersey.

ca 100 CE - The Ebionites, an early Jewish Christian sect believed to be directly descended from the Jerusalem Church, flourish in Judea and surrounding areas. They emphasize the oneness of God and the humanity of Jesus who by virtue of his righteousness, was chosen by God to be the Messiah. They rejected Jesus' pre-existence, atoning death, and physical resurrection. After the Second Jewish War (132-35 CE), their influence waned, and disappeared in the 4th Century CE.

100 - 150 CE - "Clement," author of *The Apocalypse of Peter*, explained that God will save all sinners from their plight in Hell through the prayers of those in Heaven. The unknown author(s) of *The Sibylline Oracles* distinctly avowed a belief in universal salvation.

ca 200 CE - The "Monarchian Controversy" first erupted during the papacy of Victor I (189-99 CE) as a reaction to the theology put forth by Justin Martyr (ca 100-165) who spoke of Jesus of Nazareth as a second god. Many proto-Arian and proto-Socinian ideas, not fully formed, were first propounded.

215 CE - Origen of Alexandria expressed the idea that in time all of creation would be restored to harmony with God. He was the successor of Pantaenus, a saint in the Coptic and Oriental Churches, and founder of the Didascalium, an influential early Christian theological school, thoroughly universalist in its theology.

Watch for the next installment in the March newsletter.

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

~ He/she once dated Richard Simmons. **STEVEN MULL** dated Richard Simmons for a brief time. (Ask Steve about the joke that ended their relationship.)

~ This UU met his/her spouse when they both worked as figure drawing models. Fellowship administrator **SUSAN TURNER** (aka UUSue) and her husband Steve met and fell in love when they were working as figure drawing models in the KSU Art Department. Sue actually saw Steve in a friend's sketchbook before meeting him "in the flesh."

CHILI TASTING REPORT

Our first attempt at a cook off--the January 14 Chili Tasting Dinner--was very successful. The event raised over \$1000 for our General Operating Fund. We had 15 cooks who volunteered to bring their favorite chili. A few of those cooks were sure they had a winner. Brice Hobrock seemed to be the favorite for the night although they were all winners. Director of Religious Education Cory Zeller led a cakewalk for children and adults. After dinner and voting we had top notch entertainment with Michael Oldfather on the guitar, and Ana Franklin and Elke Lorenz singing and yodeling. A square dance club joined us to demonstrate and teach children and adults some basics. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped with planning, set up, cleanup, ticket taking, bar tenders, our sound and entertainment people, our cooks, and all who attended. Tom Philips organized a wonderful event with many helpers.

FROM BUDDY AND BOBETTE MCGAUGHEY

Thank you to all who shared our 50th anniversary celebration on December 26. We appreciate your good wishes if we saw you in a store, cards, and those who were able to find time to attend during a busy holiday season. You each made it a very special day. Your friendship enriches our lives.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!

A brief ceremony welcoming new members to our congregation, and recognizing the special contributions each of us brings to this community, will be held during the Sunday morning service on **FEBRUARY 12**. Join us in welcoming Amy Hilgendorf, Katie Kingery-Page, Tom Page, and Esther and Stephen Simmons to our family.

Learn about becoming a member of the Fellowship from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

\$HOP \$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 UUFM earns 4% of all certificates purchased! It costs purchasers no more than they would normally spend on food, prescriptions, etc, while 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

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE REPORT

Finance Committee member Kathleen Oldfather reports results of our December 11 Holiday Craft and Bake Sale:

Our Craft and Bake Sale generated \$792 for the Fellowship's General Operations Fund. On behalf of the Finance Committee, I would like to thank you all for your donations. It was wonderful to see your creative talents. The art auction items were very successful. Thank you for donating those larger pieces. I believe we could sell as much food as we can produce. It all looked wonderful and was snatched up quickly. Thank you to the bakers. The craft items were broad in scope and deep in creativity and beauty. Many children created items for sale, which was especially appreciated and enjoyed by all. Until next year ...

THOUGHTS ON MEMBERSHIP - REV MICHAEL NELSON

*Our worship is not an entertainment.
Our congregation is not an audience.
Our music is not a concert performance.
Our preaching is not a trivial comfort.
Our theology is not a marketing strategy.
Our counseling is not a promise of prosperity.
Our church is not a business enterprise.
Our ministry is not a cult of personality.
Our community is not a gathering of sheep.
Our success is not a membership statistic.*

... David O Rankin

We seek a vision that extends our reach beyond what we as individuals are capable of achieving. As a progressive community, we seek to unleash the power to bring justice where injustice prevails. We seek to provide the support that allows each of us to find meaning that brings coherence to our lives so that compassion for all life may be nourished. We invite you to join the UU Fellowship of Manhattan to help the flourishing of goodness in every direction possible.



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

Feb 5: Cybil Perkins and Dave Lambert

Feb 12: *To be announced*

Feb 19: Kristan Corwin, Brian Washburn, Chris Nakamura, and Sarah Nuss-Warren

Feb 26: Shirley and Brice Hobrock, and Monta Manney

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

THANK YOU 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 creating a comfortable setting for continuing conversation.

Administrator's Schedule

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

Monday,	February	20 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	February	21 -	12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	February	23 -	12 to 5 pm
Saturday,	February	25 -	11 am to 6 pm
Monday,	February	27 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	February	28 -	12 to 5 pm

Call Susan at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at other times by email at office@uufm.net

February 1 thru 16, Susan will be taking some accumulated vacation days. While she is away, her access to the Internet will be sporadic at best. Please view information on this page for volunteers who will cover some duties, such as building scheduling, while she is out of the country.

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. *Submissions for the February 5 and 12 bulletins may be sent to Marolyn Caldwell, at 776-4862 or marolync@flintheills.com*

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 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 Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Between *February 1 and 16, please contact Anne Cowan, at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net to arrange building use.*

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the March edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Thursday, **FEBRUARY 16**. *Committee chairs and activity coordinators, please let Sue know about meetings and volunteer openings in your group, for inclusion in the newsletter and other announcements!* Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

FEBRUARY 2012 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



5
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Vincent Amanor-Boadu
1 TO 2 PM OWL CLASS
 Cory Zeller, 537-2349
FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY
Interfaith

6
5 TO 7 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

7
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349
MAGHA PUJA - Buddhist
celebrate Buddha's teachings

8
11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH - Bann Thai
 Harriette Janke, 539-0865
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
5:30 PM
SOCIAL ACTION MTG
Tu B'Shvat - Jewish
celebration of Spring

9
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER
4 TO 7 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
 at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM BOARD MEETING
 Inez Alsop room.
 Anne Cowan, 537-2025

10
7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast
 St Paul's Episcopal Church
 Ana Franklin, 341-9908
7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE
 Pat Embers, 539-2819

11
4 TO 6 PM
VALENTINE'S PARTY
 Meadowlark Hills,
 Manhattan room
 K Oldfather, 537-3738
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Catholic Christian

12
9:30 AM UUFM SINGERS rehearse
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ E Foerster / M Nelson
HELPING HANDS SUNDAY
 Peggy Bowman Fund
1 TO 2 PM OWL CLASS
 Cory Zeller, 537-2349

13
6 PM CASA TRAINING
 1st Lutheran Church
 930 Poyntz Avenue
 Bridget, 537-6367

14
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349
ST VALENTINE'S DAY
Christian / secular

15
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
 Jupiter room. Jack
 Warren at 539-4073
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349
NIRVANA DAY Buddhist
recalling death of Buddha

16
5:30 PM TAI CHI
6 PM
3RD THURSDAY SUPPER
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
 Cory Zeller, 537-2349
7:15 PM CRAFT NIGHT
 Betty Banner, 776-1887

17

18

19
9:30 AM UUFM SINGERS rehearse
 Main Sanctuary
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Dave Lambert
1 TO 2 PM OWL CLASS
 Cory Zeller, 537-2349

20
3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
 at Fellowship, 537-2349
FEBRUARY 21
SHROVE TUESDAY - Christian

21
12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM
COUPLES SWING DANCE
 Inez Alsop room. Drew
 Vennum, 785 236-8802

22
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
 Jupiter room. Jack
 Warren at 539-4073
3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE - Manhattan Rm
 K Oldfather, 537-3738
ASH WEDNESDAY - Christian

23
12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER
LAST MINUTE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

24
7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast
 St Paul's Episcopal Church
1ST PUBLIC DEBATE OF TRINITY
proto-Unitarian
see page 7 of newsletter
ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE
AND EVANGELIST - Christian

25
11 AM TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER available
 at Fellowship, 537-2349

26
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
 Festival of Bach
Woodwinds Anonymous
1 TO 2 PM OWL CLASS
 Cory Zeller, 537-2349

27
3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
 at Fellowship, 537-2349
FEBRUARY 26
INTERCLARY DAYS
preparation for Baha'I fast
Feb 26 thru March 1

28
12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM
COUPLES SWING DANCE
 Inez Alsop room. Drew
 Vennum, 785 236-8802

29
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
 Jupiter room. Jack
 Warren at 539-4073
7 PM BOOK DISCUSSION
 Lorrie Cross, 539-7883

