



# THE UU FM VOICE

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## MARCH 2012 PROGRAMS

### MARCH 4 "WHY ARE WE HERE?"

Longtime Fellowship member Bob Patterson poses this not as the *Big Question*, but rather as the little one. He entertains comments, questions, and discussion about why we affiliate ourselves with a liberal religious community. Contact/convener is Dick Beeman at 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net

### MARCH 11 "WHAT GOOD CAN COME FROM TOLERANCE?"

Slawomir Dobrzanski and Reverend Michael Nelson consider, "Unitarian Universalism promotes tolerance from many levels and facets of the world we live in, but in the US we live in a period of increasing intolerance. What can we learn from countries like Poland, Sweden, and others that will help us be better ambassadors of accepting the differences between ourselves and others in ways that create change and reverence for what distinguishes us?" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

### MARCH 18 "THE WIDOW WHO PESTERED THE JUDGE-- TODAY'S MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES"

Dorothy Nickel Friesen, chair of Prairie View, Inc, a faith-based mental health ministry and retired Mennonite pastor, muses, "Sometimes being a pest is part of working for justice. Sometimes those in power really do change their minds--just because of the pestering. Contemporary issues in the life of our families, churches, communities and state require us to be 'pests' on behalf of those who have behavioral and mental health issues." Contact/convener is Reverend Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

### MARCH 25 "WE ARE FAMILY"

Fellowship members Aimee Fowler, Laura Lott, and Deirdre Greeley share thoughts on families of many compositions. Contact/convener is Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cjhedgewriter@gmail.com

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### SPRING WORK DAY !!!

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Two and a half years ago as we moved our belongings from our West Spring Creek house to Three Oaks, a gray, tabby kitten appeared from under a car. She squeaked like ET. She fit in a teacup and was dying. With food and protection she quickly became monster kitty who zoomed with uncontainable energy. It took a year before Maximum Kitty, our king cat, who wanted nothing to do with this irrepressible upstart, would pin her down and tenderly lick her. This was a great change. Maxi, once a feral outsider rescued by the Cat Queen of New Orleans, and tamed by Captain Jack who wore elbow length gloves to tame this street fighter. But we didn't rescue him there. It was from a meth lab in Joplin, Missouri; from a scene out of a modern day Dickens' tale. The despair and squalor, almost too painful to recall, almost marked the end of Maxi Cat. Slated for euthanizing, I said no. We took this wary cat, with half his fur gone, home. We drove through an ice storm from Joplin to Kansas City as he yowled. After a week under a bed he surfaced and has ruled our lives until indomitable Freja became a ruling member of a royal team.

I have wondered about this impulse to save. A rather expensive rug in the living room has much more appeal than the scratch pad. This is shabby sheik gone too far! Soon, it won't even have utilitarian value. No boundary spray or expert cat tactic works. Just a strand of unwoven wool will remain. Freja, part monkey, leaps up onto the screens on the porch to catch birds or to bounce from one angle to the next. She's an expert at lifting every register plate from the floors throughout the house. I have had a number of kittens in my life, but never have I lived with such a clever whirlwind.

Until recently I assumed she'd remain mostly unreachable. You could pet her for a second on her throne, a drafting chair on wheels, but otherwise she bounded out of reach if you got too close. In the past months when I rise she greets me with an adult version of the ET squeak--a kind of greeting that calls from a need to be recognized and loved. So our morning ritual has begun. She rubs up against my legs. She sometimes jumps on to my lap and she asks to be lathered with strokes of affection and words of high praise. On special mornings she wants to be cradled and the full body purr commences. It vibrates into my body,

heart and mind with more value than any rug could ever hold.

Who knows what she'll teach me next? May we all be open to learn from what sometimes seems impossible to endure.

*Michael*

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REVEREND MICHAEL NELSON SHARES A STORY WITH RE STUDENTS DURING THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

**REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE**

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

- Tuesday, March 6 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, March 8 - 4 to 7 pm
- Tuesday, March 13 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, March 15 - 4 to 7 pm
- Wednesday, March 21 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, March 22 - 3 to 5 pm
- Wednesday, March 28 - 1 to 3 pm
- Thursday, March 29 - 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](mailto:minister@uufm.net)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## REGARDING RE - CORY ZELLER, DRE, FEBRUARY 23, 2012

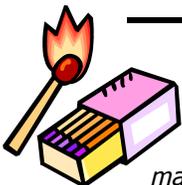
Spring is in the air. Then again, we haven't really had a winter so it's hard to tell! I begin this month with a warm heart from all of the love I witnessed during the month of February. The RE children showed how much they cared for others in our UUFM community and the Manhattan community at large by decorating cards, and helping to host a Valentine's Party at Meadowlark Hills, and by counting cans collected for the Flint Hills Breadbasket's Souper Bowl Sunday Can Drive. They also showed their love for learning and new ideas in their Sunday and *Our Whole Lives* classes.

The 3rd-6th graders have been having really interesting, in-depth conversations about the main concepts in the Bible stories they have been studying. Each week they explore a new concept, such as jealousy, revenge, trust, faith, and forgiveness. The K-2nd graders have also been exploring these concepts through discussion as well as acting, drawing, and singing. In the pre-K classroom, the preschoolers have begun to explore the freedom Unitarian Universalism allows to question and wonder about things. And, in the nursery, the infants and toddlers have been busy learning and growing with a new theme each week.

This month the children in the RE program are going to continue their winter/spring curriculum of Bible stories, *Chalice Children* lessons, and nursery themes. They're also going to celebrate St Patrick's Day twice! First they'll celebrate the holiday during Parents' Night Out on March 2 by decorating four-leaf clovers, eating green food, and searching for buried treasure. Then, they'll don their favorite green clothes to watch the St Patrick's Day parade in Aggieville on March 17. May the luck of the Irish be with them this month and every month!

The *Our Whole Lives* classes have come to an end, but as Sandy noted in an email to me, we now "march" forward into new understanding, new appreciation, and new relationships with our friends and family. After witnessing the growth of our children in the OWL classes combined with their energies exerted towards social action endeavors in the month of February, I can't wait to see what this spring holds for them. It sure will be fun to watch them blossom!

Cory



### 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!

## FAMILY EVENTS IN MARCH

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **MARCH 2**, drop the kids off at 6:30 pm, and pick them up at 9:30 pm. The theme for the night is *St Patrick's Day*. We'll decorate four-leaf clovers, eat green food, and search for buried treasure. Mark your calendars! Suggested contribution is \$5 per child, to help us cover expenses. Hope to see you there! *Learn more from Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net*



Join us for more Irish luck on Saturday, **MARCH 17**, to view the **ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** in Aggieville. Dress in your favorite green outfit. We'll meet at Jimmy John's for lunch, at 12 noon, and then find space along the curb to watch the fun.

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

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S SCHEDULE

In March, Cory Zeller will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Thursday, March 1 -	1:15 to 5:15 pm
Tuesday, March 6 -	1:15 to 5:15 pm
Thursday, March 8 -	1:15 to 5:15 pm
Tuesday, March 27 -	1:15 to 5:15 pm
Thursday, March 29 -	1:15 to 5:15 pm

During office hours, call Cory at 537-2349, or drop by the Fellowship building. She may be reached by email at dre@uufm.net

## RESPECT FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP HOME

Let's all set a good example through our own actions. We can each make an effort to clean up after ourselves, as much as we each are able. Please remember to put away all toys, supplies, and equipment. Food, drinks, and dirty dishes should be returned to the kitchen. *Let's make this a welcoming home for everyone!!!*



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

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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, MARCH 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 have a special dedication blanket for offering dedications and then drum a round for them. Bring your own rhythm instrument or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

UUFM's **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** gathers at the Fellowship Saturday, MARCH 10, for a Full Moon Esbat celebrating the Blossom Moon. There will be a second meeting on Saturday, MARCH 24, when we gather for our *Ostara* Sabbat celebration. Both dates begin at 5 pm, with a pot-luck meal. Bring a dish to share, and invite your friends. These are family-friendly events. Old sage or newly curious, all are warmly welcome. Learn more from Deirdre Greeley at (580) 919-9834 or saffyr@gmail.com

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, MARCH 14, at 11:30 am, at Mr K's West, 3901 Vanesta Drive, off of Kimball Avenue, in Manhattan. 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

On MARCH 15, 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 MARCH 15, 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 plan children's activities. Learn more from Sue Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

Following Third Thursday Supper on MARCH 15, 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 the 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, MARCH 28. Watch for announcements in the Sunday morning bulletin, and on the Fellowship's email list for title and location. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net



### ***SWING DANCING FOR COUPLES***

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Swing Dancing for Couples class continues each Tuesday evening, 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***

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This month's Meadowlark Hills UUFM service meets Wednesday, **MARCH 28**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Rev Michael Nelson's topic is *Let's Talk About the Weather*. "Seemingly one of the most banal subjects, weather has a great impact on how we feel. Our bodies, our minds, our spirits are susceptible to changes in the weather. Its reality may be more important than we think!" Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



### ***UUFM SPRING WORK DAY***

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## SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

### ***HELPING HANDS SUNDAY***

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Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, MARCH 11, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **MANHATTAN DAY CARE AND LEARNING CENTERS** providing safe, nurturing, full day care services on a sliding scale for low income families, enabling parents to work or attend school to improve their family's situations. Learn more at [www.manhattandaycare.org](http://www.manhattandaycare.org)

*On February 12, Helping Hands funds were collected for the Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund totaling \$903. Thank you all for your very generous contributions!*

### **HELPING HANDS APPLICATIONS**

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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 31, 2012. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or [bettybanner@gmail.com](mailto:bettybanner@gmail.com)

### **FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE**

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**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](mailto:acowan@uufm.net), or talk to Anne on Sunday mornings.



### **LEARN ABOUT SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM**

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The UUFM Social Action Committee will meet in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room at 5:30 pm, on Wednesday, MARCH 7. 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](mailto:socialaction@uufm.net) or 410-9413.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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There are always openings for 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](mailto:ellorenz@uufm.net)

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, MARCH 9 and 23, 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 welcome. Contact Ana Franklin at 341-9908 or [yogaconnection@gmail.com](mailto:yogaconnection@gmail.com)

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

### **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER**

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

### **ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND PSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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The UUFM Social Action Committee has funds available to assist Fellowship members who would like to attend the UUA Prairie Star District Annual Conference, April 13 thru 15, in Bloomington, Minnesota. Those requesting assistance should have an interest in social action and a desire to enhance social action awareness at home in our community. This year's theme is *Lessons From War & Peace: Stories of Hope, Faith, and Courage*. Visit [www.psdoua.org/AnnualConference2012](http://www.psdoua.org/AnnualConference2012) to learn more about the 2012 PSD Conference.

## ***ALL ABOUT US***

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**AMY HILGENDORF**, a new Fellowship member, heard about Unitarians in Madison, Wisconsin. We're so pleased that led her to us in Manhattan. Amy is an evaluator at the KSU Office of Educational Innovation and Evaluation. She received her PhD in Human Development and Family Studies, a subset of Human Ecology. She and her husband, David, came to Manhattan when she accepted her current position. Amy hadn't been part of a church in a long time, but knew of UU's in Madison. She felt our Fellowship offered a good opportunity to connect with people with similar values as herself. Amy's favorite sport is Ultimate Frisbee. She and David are delighted to be the coaches of a women's club team at KSU. They get to travel to tournaments with other university clubs in their spring and fall seasons. *Welcome to the Fellowship, Amy!*

Condolences to **LARRY WEAVER** on the loss of his father, **O C WEAVER**, who died on February 21 at Larry and Gabrielle's home where he had been living. O C was 97 years old, and regularly attended the Fellowship until the last couple of months, as his health failed. We miss him, but feel fortunate to have known him.

**SUSAN TURNER** recently returned from a two-week trip to Ireland. She had a great time travelling with friends.

**BRICE** and **SHIRLEY HOBROCK** travelled to Australia and New Zealand in February.

**YVONNE LACY** recently had knee replacement surgery and is recovering at Mercy Hospital. She plans to move to Bramlage House at Meadowlark for rehabilitation before returning home.

**FRANZ SAMELSON** is also at Bramlage House recovering from heart surgery.

Congratulations to **MARIAN QUINLAN**, long time fellowship friend, who recently turned 80 years old. The official bash is April 1. What is your secret for staying so young?

**ERIC BANNER**, former member, shared that he will be returning closer to home this coming year. He has accepted an offer to become intern minister at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, this coming year. Eric's parents, **BETTY** and **CHRIS BANNER**, are very excited to have Eric and his family closer to Kansas. They are currently living in Berkeley, California.

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

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~ This UU couple met at a Toga Party.

~ This UU couple refurbished an old Coast Guard boat.

*See answers on page 7*

## ***TIMELINE OF UNITARIAN AND UNIVERSALIST HISTORY***

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*Our timeline of Unitarian and Universalist history continues into the final centuries of the Roman Empire, and the early Middle Ages. Further segments will appear in future newsletters, as space allows.*

318 CE - Arius (ca 250-336), a church elder from Alexandria, taught that Jesus of Nazareth was more than human, but was not equal or co-existent with God (the Father). This view was declared "heretical" and "anathema" at the Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325) but continued to spread in the succeeding centuries. The Arian missionary Ulfilas (310-383) spread the theology to the Germanic tribes, and it remained dominant for some centuries among several in western Europe, especially the Goths, the Lombards and, significantly for the late Roman Empire, the Vandals.

394 CE - Supporters of Augustine of Hippo (354-430) rioted with the supporters of Gregory of Nyssa (ca 335-394), a follower of Origen, over whether the tenet of ultimate salvation applies to the Devil. Over the next few decades, local ecclesiastical councils condemn the Origenist position. Finally, Origen's doctrine of Universal Salvation was declared heretical at the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in 553. This provided the final break between Roman and Eastern Orthodox Churches with Coptic, Assyrian, and Oriental Orthodox (Nestorian) Christians.

610 - 632 CE - Muhammad ibn 'Abdullāh (ca 570-632), the founding prophet of Islam, proclaimed, "lā ilāha illallāh" ("There is no God, but God"). This doctrine of *tawhid* ("oneness") is fundamental to the faith and asserts the existence of a single and absolute truth that transcends the world; a unique, independent and indivisible being, who is both immanent and transcendent.

620 - 711 CE - Various verses of the *Quran* extol that the message of Mohammad is for all humankind, and recognize prophets before him as legitimate. It also attributes the name "ar-Rahim" (the Merciful) to Allah, meaning that Allah is all forgiving. By conquest, Islam reaches as far as Mesopotamia and Spain. In time it will reach India and Indonesia.

794 CE - "Adoptionism", a form of Monarchianism, that stated Jesus was born human but became divine later in life, was propounded by Elipandus (ca 716-ca 805), Archbishop of Toledo. It was condemned as heretical by the Council of Frankfurt, convened by Charlemagne (742-814), King of the Franks and the first Holy Roman Emperor.

*Gregory Giacobe, of the First Unitarian Church of Essex County, New Jersey, developed this timeline. Watch for the next installment in the April newsletter.*

## ***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS !!!***

A **WELCOMING BRUNCH** for new members, friends, and their families will be held Sunday, **MARCH 11**, at 9:30 am, at the Fellowship. This is a child-friendly event, so bring the kids! If you have not received an invitation, but would be interested in attending and meeting other newcomers to the Fellowship, contact Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Kathleen Tanona at 537-6208 or kmtanona@hotmail.com

The Social, Welcoming and Membership Committee is sponsoring new **WELCOMING GET-TOGETHERS** this year. We're seeking members to host a small lunch, dinner, coffee, wine and cheese tasting, or other event for new members and friends. The gathering may be held in your home, in a restaurant or other public setting, or at the Fellowship. Established members will attend, and assist by bringing dishes for the meal. This will be a fun way for established members and those new to the Fellowship to connect and get acquainted. Sign up to host on the sheet provided on the bulletin board next to the nametag display in the hall. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net

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

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

- ~ This longtime Fellowship couple met at a Toga Party.  
**MICHAEL and KATHLEEN OLDFATHER**
- ~ This Fellowship couple once refurbished an old Coast Guard vessel. **DICK and JUDY CATTELL**

## **PHOTOS FROM UUFM'S 2010 SPRING WORK DAY**



TOM MANNEY STEADIES THE LADDER AS MARK MOSER CHECKS THE LIGHTS



THE KIDS PITCH IN!



JUNE KEMPTHORNE AND SHIRLEY HOBROCK PREPARE LUNCH FOR HUNGRY VOLUNTEERS

MONTA MANNEY TIDYS THE FLOWER BEDS



WASHING THE WINDOWS

## **\$HOP \$MART GROCERY CERTIFICATES**

UUFM is selling grocery certificates and gift cards as a fundraising 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 certificates from Sandy Nelson in the Mercury Room (Preschool RE room), following Sunday services, or contact her at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

## **UUFM MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Please bring your 2010 UUFM Membership Directory to the Fellowship on Sunday, February 26, or March 4, if you would like to have the 2012 supplement bound into your personal copy free of charge. New members will receive the updated directory at no cost. Old members who have lost their directory may purchase another for \$5. This covers our production costs. Kim Belanger will be available with pictures if anyone is interested in purchasing copies of themselves or family members.



## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- March 4: *WELCOMING BRUNCH*  
Social Welcoming Committee
- March 11: Elke Lorenz, Sandy Nelson,  
Sue Pray, Pat Weisenburger
- March 18: Kathleen / Michael Oldfather,  
Buddy / Bobette McGaughey
- March 25: Cathy Hedge, Mickey Reay,  
Dan and Kathy Swenson,  
Matt and Jen Campbell

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](mailto: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 March, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Thursday, March	1 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, March	5 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, March	6 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, March	8 - 4 to 7 pm
Monday, March	12 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, March	13 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, March	15 - 4 to 9 pm
Thursday, March	22 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, March	24 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday, March	26 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, March	27 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, March	29 - 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](mailto:office@uufm.net)

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or [office@uufm.net](mailto: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](mailto:welcome@uufm.net), or Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or [minister@uufm.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@uufm.net). Read *UU World* online at [www.uuworld.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@uufm.net), **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING** with announcements and information for inclusion in the Sunday morning order of service bulletin.

## 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](mailto:caring@uufm.net), or let us know at 537-2349 or [office@uufm.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@uufm.net).

## APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the April edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Thursday, **MARCH 15**. *All information for the April 22 Annual Meeting MUST be included in the April newsletter!* Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net)

# MARCH 2012 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



**1**  
**12 TO 5 PM**  
**SUSAN TURNER**  
**1:15 TO 5:15 PM**  
**CORY ZELLER**  
 at Fellowship, 537-2349  
*FEAST OF ST DAVID OF WALES*  
 Catholic Christian

**2**  
**6:30 TO 9:30 PM**  
**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!!**  
 Cory Zeller, 537-2349  
**FAST OF ALA** - Baha'i  
 Feb 2 thru 20

**3**  
*HINA-MATSURI* - Shinto  
 festival of dolls  
 celebrating daughters

**4**  
**9:30 AM**  
**UUFM SINGERS**  
 rehearse. Main Sanctuary  
**10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*w/ Bob Patterson*  
**ORTHODOX SUNDAY**  
 Orthodox Christian

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

**6**  
**12 TO 5 PM**  
**SUSAN TURNER**  
**1:15 TO 5:15 PM**  
**CORY ZELLER**  
**3 TO 5 PM**  
**MICHAEL NELSON**  
 at Fellowship, 537-2349

**7**  
**12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH**  
 Jupiter room  
 Jack Warren, 539-4073  
**5:30 PM**  
**SOCIAL ACTION MTG**  
 S Broughman, 410-9413

**8**  
**1:15 TO 5:15 PM**  
**CORY ZELLER**  
**4 TO 7 PM**  
**M NELSON, S TURNER**  
 at Fellowship, 537-2349  
**7 PM BOARD MEETING**  
 Anne Cowan, 537-2025

**9**  
**7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN** breakfast  
**7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE**  
 Pat Embers, 539-2819  
**March 8**  
*Holi* - Hindu, Spring festival  
**Magha Puja Day** - Buddhist  
**PURIM** - Judaism  
**March 9**  
**Hola Mohalla** - Sikh

**10**  
**1 PM UUFM SINGERS** rehearse  
 Main Sanctuary  
**5 PM PAGAN CIRCLE**  
*Blossom Moon / potluck*  
 Deirdre Greeley  
 (580) 919-9834

**11**  
**9:30 AM**  
**UUFM SINGERS**  
**10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*w/ Slawomir Dobrzanski and Michael Nelson*  
**HELPING HANDS SUNDAY**  
 Manhattan Day Care

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

**13**  
**12 TO 5 PM**  
**SUSAN TURNER**  
**3 TO 5 PM**  
**MICHAEL NELSON**  
 at Fellowship, 537-2349  
**L RON HUBBARD'S BIRTHDAY**  
 Scientology

**14**  
**11:30 AM**  
**WOMEN'S LUNCH**  
 at Kite's West  
 Harriette Janke, 539-0865  
**12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH**  
 Jupiter room  
 Jack Warren, 539-4073

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

**16**  
**GHAMBAR HAMASPATHMAEDEN**  
 Zoroastrian, Feb 16 - 20  
 celebrating human creation  
 and remembrance of  
 those who have passed

**17**  
**12 NOON**  
**ST PATRICK'S PARADE**  
 Jimmy John's in Aggieville  
 Cory Zeller, 537-2349  
**St Patrick's Day**  
 Christian / secular

**18**  
**10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*w/ Dorothy Nickel Friesen*

**19**  
**St JOSEPH'S DAY**  
 Catholic Christian

**20**  
**last minute**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**CHIGAN** - Buddhism  
 day of equality and harmony  
**OSTARA** - Pagan / Wiccan  
 Spring celebration

**21**  
**12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH** Jupiter rm  
 Jack Warren, 539-4073  
**3 TO 5 PM**  
**MICHAEL NELSON**  
 at Fellowship, 537-2349  
**Naw Ruz** - Baha'i  
**NOROUS** - Zoroastrianism  
 New Year's observances

**22**  
**12 TO 5 PM**  
**SUSAN TURNER**  
**3 TO 5 PM**  
**MICHAEL NELSON** at  
 Fellowship, 537-2349

**23**  
**7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN** breakfast  
 St Paul's Episcopal Church  
 Ana Franklin, 341-9908  
**RAMANAYAMI** - Hindu  
 celebrating birth of Rama  
**VAISAKHI** - Hindu / Sikh  
 solar New Year

**24**  
**11 AM TO 6 PM**  
**SUSAN TURNER** at  
 Fellowship, 537-2349  
**5 PM PAGAN CIRCLE**  
*Ostara Sabbat / potluck*  
 Deirdre Greeley  
 (580) 919-9834

**25**  
**10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*w/ Aimee Fowler, Laura Lott, and Deirdre Greeley*  
**ANNUNCIATION OF VIRGIN MARY**  
 Catholic Christian

**26**  
**3 TO 5 PM**  
**SUSAN TURNER** at  
 Fellowship, 537-2349  
**KHORDAD SAL**- Zoroastrian  
 birthday celebration of the  
 Prophet Zarathustra

**27**  
**12 TO 5 PM**  
**SUSAN TURNER**  
**1:15 TO 5:15 PM**  
**CORY ZELLER** at  
 Fellowship, 537-2349

**28**  
**12 NOON**  
**MEN'S LUNCH**  
 Jack Warren, 539-4073  
**1 TO 3 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**  
**1:15 TO 5:15 PM**  
**CORY ZELLER**  
**3 TO 5 PM**  
**MICHAEL NELSON** a  
 Fellowship, 537-2349

**30**

**31**  
**9 AM SPRING**  
**WORK DAY !!!**  
 Tom Manney, 537-0624