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APRIL 2012 PROGRAMS

APRIL 1 "THE SACRED AND THE SILLY"

Singer, songwriter, and humorist Greg Tamblyn will join us. All fun-loving and forward-thinking folks, young and old, are invited. Contact/convenor is Dick Beeman at 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net

Invite your family and friends, and join us at the Fellowship in the evening on April 1, at 7 pm, when Greg presents an APRIL FOOLS COMEDY CONCERT ... No Joke!

APRIL 8 "INSIDE SPRING"

Reverend Michael Nelson muses, "Last year's leaves feed this year's growth. How do we rise from what is no longer useful into what promotes new growth? Essential Unitarian Universalism relies on the natural cycles of decay and rebirth to move forward." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

Join us at 12:15 pm, following the April 8 service, for our annual EASTER POTLUCK meal. And don't forget the Easter Egg hunt for the kids.

APRIL 15 "WHY WE GATHER"

Reverend Michael Nelson explores the meaning of community, "It is a time of uncertainty for many values progressive people hold dear. In this time it's essential to strengthen communities that advocate justice for all. We need one another to ensure that equal rights for the marginalized, ecological sensitivity, the celebration of diversity are lifted high and wide enough for all to see and recognize." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

Voting Fellowship members are urged to join us following the service on April 15, for our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Learn more on page 7.

APRIL 22 "A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY"

Scott Tanona and other Fellowship members share reflections about the rewards of giving. Speaking generally of the culture of generosity underlying personal and community gifts, special focus will be aimed at the generosity of members of UUFM in supporting both the Fellowship and our community. Contact Scott at 537-6208 or stanona@sbcglobal.net

APRIL 29 "THE GREEN URGE"

Signs of new growth abound. Growing your own food or buying food that is locally raised creates a circle of health. Today we celebrate tending the garden of the mind, body and spirit in our progressive community. Contact Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

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APRIL FOOL'S MUSIC AND HUMOR !!!

Join us Sunday, **APRIL 1**, when the Fellowship welcomes singer, songwriter and humorist Greg Tamblyn. Greg has been described as "Mark Twain with a message of spiritual renewal." He will deliver our Sunday morning program, The Sacred and Silly. Then, bring your family and friends back Sunday evening, at 7 pm, for an April Fools Comedy concert!!! It'll be a rollicking good time! Hear Greg's music and see video at www.gregtamblyn.com



UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

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

This woman cooked food at the site of the world's largest garbage dump in Rio de Janeiro, over a fire in an iron pot



for the 2,500 people who pick through the garbage for what can be recycled. She was proud of how she used the meat and vegetables that were still safe but could no longer be sold. She provided tasty and nutritional meals for the workers who scale

mountains of muck and debris to earn an honest living. She is one of the people featured in, *Wasteland*, a documentary and international art project conceived by Vic Muniz, a renowned artist. He returned to Brazil, his native country, to make art out of garbage and the lives of the *catedores*, the marginalized world of the garbage pickers.

He uses the *catedores* as artists to help in the process of making the documentary and art. As the cook sees her image transformed into a vast picture, made up of trash, but noble nonetheless, she realizes how she has allowed life to shape how she lives and values herself. In this act of seeing, she shifts from a passive role into a desire to assume more power in how she lives her life. Through tears of recognition she says "I have seen myself so small."

How easy it is to see life through a tiny aperture. When our vision of life collapses into an acceptance of "this is the way things are and they will not change," then our dreams are minimized and often erased. Being trapped by circumstances that constrain does not mean that you are powerless. Yes, you may have a permanent and disabling medical problem, or were raised in desperate circumstances or suffered from a horrific trauma, but as people of a progressive faith we are called to find how to live our individual and shared lives with dignity. This often requires us, no matter what stage of life were in, to be open to new possibilities, a more imaginative way of making life choices.

Vic decided that all earnings from the photographs (a large sum) created from the finished pieces of art would be used to help the people go to school, maintain their trucks, build a library and provide opportunities for them to change their

lives in ways they did not see as possible before. The cook now has her own business. This film/art project has helped ease their societal disgrace. The Brazilian government uses the film to promote recycling nationwide and more awareness of how much waste industrialized culture produces. The creative vision has itself been recycled into helping people's lives, into photographs, and then the trash used to make the photographs was itself recycled.

How small and how large is our vision? Do we encourage the use of imagination and creativity in how we live our lives or do we proceed cautiously? When creativity and imagination are oppressed, growth of every kind is likely to be stunted. Let us be wise and creative stewards of our lives and the resources available to us so that we may liberate oppressive conditions for ourselves and all that suffer. Let's recycle our dreams.

Michael

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

- Tuesday, April 3 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, April 5 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, April 10 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, April 12 - 5 to 7 pm
- Monday, April 16 - 3 to 5 pm
- Thursday, April 19 - 5 to 7 pm
- Monday, April 23 - 3 to 5 pm
- Wednesday, April 25 - 12 to 2 pm

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGARDING RE - CORY ZELLER, DRE, MARCH 21, 2012

The month of March gave me a chance to reflect on how lucky I am to be a part of this community and to work with our children. The RE kids are extraordinary. We had a wonderful month in the RE program, exploring new ideas and stories in our classes and celebrating St Patrick's Day at Parents' Night Out. If you haven't had a chance to check out our RE luck wall, please do!

This month we will hunt, explore, plant, and grow. Due to popular demand, this month's theme for Parents' Night Out will be scavenging. The kids loved the rainbow-themed hunt I prepared last month, so this month Kim and I are planning a scavenger bonanza! In addition to being fun, the night will help them hone their skills for egg hunts the following weekend. On Easter Sunday, April 8, we will have an Easter egg hunt here at the Fellowship following the Easter Brunch. Then, on April 28, we will switch from hunting to planting. The RE kids will be selling plants on Sunday, April 29, so that Saturday we will prepare the plants and signs as part of our Family Fun activity. We will also plant our own garden at the Fellowship. *Yay for fresh veggies and herbs this summer!*

In our classes this month, the K-2nd and 3rd-6th graders will transition from the Old Testament to the New. They have been waiting for Jesus, and here he comes! In the Pre-K class, the preschoolers will learn about Passover, Easter, and May Day. In the nursery, the infants and toddlers will continue to explore new themes each week, from Easter to flowers to seasons.

My son, Owen, thinks the Easter Bunny lives at the mall. We visited him there last year and so now every time we drive by the mall he asks to see him. Finally, the bunny is back and Owen is thrilled! April is a month for many of us to excitedly await the return of something--from the Easter Bunny to the beloved plants and flowers in our gardens. May you relish in the return of your favorite things.

Happy April to all! *Cory*

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S SCHEDULE

In October, Cory 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

APRIL FAMILY FUN !!!

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **APRIL 6**, drop the kids off at 6:30, and pick them up at 9:30 pm. The theme for the night is a *Scavenger Hunt*. We'll hone our observational skills, in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. 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 ordre@uufm.net



Join us at 1 pm on Saturday, **APRIL 28**, when we'll prepare for our kids' plant sale which will be held on Sunday, April 29. We'll also plant an RE garden at the Fellowship, including veggies, herbs, and flowers!

To learn more about all youth and family activities at the Fellowship, please talk to Director of Religious Education Cory Zeller following Sunday services, or contact her 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!

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 ...

SWING DANCING FOR COUPLES class continues EACH TUESDAY evening, at 7 pm, at the Fellowship. *The current session is full; however, if sufficient interest is expressed, additional classes will be scheduled in the future.* Learn more from Drew Vennum at 785 236-8802 or drewvennum@gmail.com

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 at the Fellowship on Saturday, APRIL 7, for a celebration of the Full Moon. Join us for snacks and discussion beginning at 6 pm. The ritual begins around the fire circle, promptly at 7 pm. This is a family-friendly event. Old sage or newly curious, all are warmly welcome. Learn more from Sarah Burns at (218) 387-4273 or adelamae@gmail.com

A new **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** is forming at UUFM, to bring young adults together and simply have fun. We plan to gather socially and the activity and location will change. At the first gathering, we'll work out the details with a pizza party at Matt and Jen Campbell's house, 1624 Osage, on Saturday, APRIL 7, at 6 pm. Contact Amy Hilgendorf at amy.hilgendorf@gmail.com, or Matt Campbell at mcampbel@ksu.edu to RSVP or to learn more.

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, APRIL 11, at 11:30 am, at Ramblers Steakhouse, 8711 E Highway 24, 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

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, APRIL 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. Bring your own drum or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.netcom

The **UUFM SINGERS** rehearse Sunday, APRIL 15 and 29, at 9:30 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more about participation in vocal music at the Fellowship from choral music director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

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

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers at 7 pm, on Wednesday, APRIL 25. Watch Sunday bulletins, and the UUFM email list for title and location. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

On Sunday, APRIL 22 and 29, following morning services, new members and those considering membership are invited to join Rev Michael Nelson for **DEEPENING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM**. Please join us to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, and our progressive community and faith.

On Monday, APRIL 16 and 23, and MAY 7 and 14, from 1 to 2:30 pm, Rev Michael Nelson facilitates **MAKING DECISIONS FOR THE END OF YOUR LIFE**. We will explore how we can choose to face the end of life in relative comfort and in harmony with our values, and consider what choices we have to control the end of our life. The class is limited to seven participants.

Please register for classes with Susan Turner, 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Learn more about upcoming classes from Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's Meadowlark Hills UUFM service meets Wednesday, **APRIL 25**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Rev Michael Nelson's topic is *Compassionate Choices*. Michael asks, "How much power do you have in deciding how your day goes? How can you increase the level of your personal integrity regardless of your circumstances? How can we be decisive and kind?" Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH

Don't miss our annual Easter Potluck brunch following the Sunday morning service on **APRIL 8**. Our Social Committee will provide ham and beverages. Please bring a dish to share, if you are able, and join us for good food, and great company. Parents, ask Director of Religious Education Cory Zeller about the Easter egg hunt, which follows brunch! Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Barbara Hacker at 587-8002, or Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 or four 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, APRIL 6 and 20, 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

MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER

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.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The UUFM Social Action Committee will meet in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room at 5:30 pm, on Wednesday, APRIL 18. The committee will be discussing applicants for Helping Hands assistance. Contact Social Action Committee chair Stacey Broughman at 410-9413 or socialaction@uufm.net



FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Fair Trade whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate, and tea are offered for purchase at the Fellowship following Sunday programs. To learn more, or to purchase Fair Trade products, ask Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net, or talk to Anne on Sunday mornings.

SOCIAL ACTION IN DAILY LIVING

We all know and value social action as a means of living up to our UU Principles. Sometimes it seems that we are all too busy, overcommitted or otherwise unable to take steps that support social action. We have two very important social action activities in our Fellowship, Happy Kitchen Community Breakfast and Helping Hands, and the survey last year indicated that everyone felt that this was an important area to support. We've talked about new ideas in our committee but many suggestions feel too big to implement; however, there are many ways we can engage in social action and live our principles on a daily basis. Starting this month you will see a new item in the newsletter offering suggestions to incorporate social action into your lives. Our intent is to create an awareness of the many ways you can live UU Principles. We know that some of you are already doing a lot but we hope to bring an awareness of opportunities for all.

- Recycle and reuse as often as possible--purchase from secondhand outlets, donate to Habitat for Humanity store;
- Support local food producers by purchasing from them:
 - Peoples Grocery carries a wide variety of organic and local/regional foods. Rhonda Janke and Raad bring food from their farm each Wednesday.
 - Fellowship member June Kempthorne has eggs for sale and will have other local foods as the season warms up. You can reach June at junekempthorne@dishmail.net
 - Sign up to purchase food from a CSA this year--receive fresh from the farm produce and partner with the farmer
 - Gardening season is coming. Support our local growers. *Organically grown starter tomato and pepper plants will be available for purchase at UUFM following the Sunday service on April 29, brought to you by our Religious Education students.*
- Support businesses whose practices are in alignment with our principles
 - Chipotle's business model is to purchase locally grown and sustainable food, organically produced and hormone free whenever possible. They are working with farmers and growers to increase the availability of these products.
- Learn more about practices that are harmful to people and the environment. Educational videos are available at Manhattan Public Library. Make it a family event.

This social action column is new and your input and suggestions are welcome. Please send them to Betty Banner at bettybanner@gmail.com

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, APRIL 8, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **FAIRY GODMOTHER FUND**, which provides financial assistance to women who have needs not met by other services, such as car repairs, dental repairs, or other one-time emergency needs. For more information view their web site at www.fgfund.org

ALL ABOUT US

Please welcome new members **ESTHER** and **STEPHEN SIMMONS**. Raised in Detroit, Michigan, Esther has five brothers and two sisters. She went to college in West Virginia. It was there she met Stephen, her future husband, only a few weeks before he deployed to Iraq. They stayed in touch and reunited when he returned. Their wedding was secret at first. After they let their parents know, they celebrated with a public ceremony. Esther and Stephen came to our Fellowship after transferring to Ft Riley. Esther is nearing completion of her clinical lab technician degree. Stephen found us on the Internet and read our Seven Principles, and Esther originally came to support him. Then she discovered she liked our ideas, too, and they became members. We are pleased that Esther has also joined our choir and has a lovely voice. *Welcome, Esther and Stephen!*

JAMES (JIM) SHANTEAU will be retiring in May, after 41 years at Kansas State University. He received his PhD in Experimental Psychology from the University of California, San Diego in 1970. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan, he was hired by KSU as an Assistant Professor of Psychology in 1971. He was promoted to Associated Professor in 1975 and to Full Professor in 1980. In 2003, he received the Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award. In 2004, he was designated University Distinguished Professor. He married Doreen (Spotts) Shanteau in 1966; she passed away in 2008. They became members of UUFM in 1972. His retirement plans include travel, working on his musical talents, and creating videos and family histories on his computer. *There will be a retirement celebration involving the KSU Department of Psychology and colleagues from neigh-boring universities on April 28. The Shanteau family will provide refreshments following the Sunday service on April 29.*

Congratulations to **CYBIL PERKINS** and **DAVE LAMBERT** who celebrated 30 years of marriage on March 26. Cybil writes, "We actually were a 'couple' 5 years before getting married and were ... friends ... before becoming a couple, so '30' is not quite representative of our relationship, but it's a fun milestone nonetheless. We're hoping to go on some ... grand adventure to celebrate, but it will be later this year since we haven't ... decided where we're going!"

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

- ~ This couple met on Friday the 13th when her roommate introduced her to "that cute guy" in their college algebra class at Texas Tech University.
- ~ This UU has always felt a very special, intense, and personal connection to the Earth.

Find answers on page 9 of this newsletter.



CALL FOR ARTISTS' SUBMISSIONS

The UUFM Aesthetics Committee announces a call for all artists to submit original artwork for the next in our series of Art Exhibitions at the Fellowship. *Deadline for submission is Sunday, May 13.* We invite all members and friends of any age to submit work! This is a mixed-media show, and all pieces suitable for hanging are solicited from our many talented artists. Art may be submitted following Sunday services in April and May, or bring in your submission during Susan Turner and Cory Zeller's office hours, Monday from 3 to 5 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 5:15 pm. Please include a note with artist's name, contact information, media/type of art, price (if for sale), and title. Learn more from Kim Belanger at 587-8107 or kgardenbelanger@yahoo.com or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net. Or talk to any Aesthetics Committee member--Lorrie Cross, Kim Belanger, Harriette Janke, or Anne Marchin. *If you have an interest in participating in the Fellowship's aesthetic displays, contact the committee. New members are always welcome.*

\$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. Certificates are available from Dillons, Ray's Apple Market, and HyVee. 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

THANK YOU HAPPY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Happy Kitchen Community Breakfast coordinator Ana Franklin offers a few thoughts:

A special Thank You to our Happy Kitchen volunteers. For those not aware of Happy Kitchen, it is a Free Meal offered jointly by a group of churches, including UUFM. Our volunteers cook and serve breakfast every two weeks at St Paul's Episcopal Church on Poyntz Avenue. St Paul's is easily accessed by most people Manhattan, and has a great kitchen and dining area in the basement. Everyone is welcome to come to breakfast. The next breakfasts will be on Friday, April 6 and 20. Thanks again to our UU volunteers!

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 15**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our hopes for fiscal year 2012/2013 (June 1, 2012 thru May 31, 2013). Please review the information provided below, to familiarize yourself with the issues and items to be discussed and voted upon.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED 2012/2013 BUDGET

As many of you already know, on June 1, we will begin our new budget year at UUFM. This means that we will vote on a newly proposed budget for the upcoming year at our Annual Meeting on April 15. This is one of the most important decisions to be made at the meeting and we publish the budget here for your pre-consideration. Please take a few moments to consider it and be prepared to discuss anything you feel needs elaboration at the Annual Meeting. Ask me, or any Finance Committee member, for clarification.

For those of you who are not familiar with the budgeting process, the Finance Committee begins by soliciting input from each committee chair that has a line in the current budget. The Executive Board, which also gives guidance to the Finance Committee, approves the draft budget in March. The Board also receives input from the Long-Range Planning Committee in order to include a long-term vision derived from input by members. The result is a budget that is intended to reflect the short- and long-term priorities of the membership of UUFM.

EXPENSES: The proposed budget includes salary increases that the Board feels are justified to support anticipated growth, especially in the realm of families with children and their desire for maintaining and improving the Religious Education program. Growth in the RE program has been marked since the hiring of Cory Zeller, the Director of Religious Education (DRE). Thus, it should not be surprising that the Board directed Finance to include an increase in the budget that would allow us to employ the DRE at a minimum of 0.5 fte (80 hours per month). Her time commitment during the current year is 0.25 or (40 hrs/mo). This increase will also place the DRE into a benefits-eligible position. In addition, the Board also proposes raises for minister Michael Nelson, administrator Susan Turner, and janitor Troy Fisher. These 3% raises are given in light of a lack of raises during the current and previous years. Increases in compensation are 81% of the total increase in the budget (\$11,899 of \$14,677).

Other budget lines proposed to receive increases are *Religious Education* (supplies for curricula), *utilities*, *dues*, *Communication*, *Membership*, *Social Action*, and *Facilities*. Many of these can be seen as increases directly or indirectly related to a higher membership and significantly increased levels of regular activity at the Fellowship building. Dues are a direct reflection of membership numbers since we pay a fixed amount for each member as reflected in a January count (106 members).

INCOME: While we have increased some of our non-pledge income lines (fundraising, non-pledge donations, etc.), the majority of the increase on the income side is proposed to come from *pledges*. As an organization that relies on donations for its support, we ask our members to make a pledge to contribute money to support the activities of the Fellowship. Thus, it is not without considerable thought that we are asking members for more pledge income. During our current fiscal year, the amount of funds budgeted from pledges is \$98,134, while our current pledges total \$99,614 (at this time, we have received about \$76,000, or about 76% of these pledges). The newly proposed budget includes an increase in income from pledges of about 12%. It is unlikely that the modest increases in membership will account for the total of about \$12,000 in increased pledges. Indeed, if this budget is approved, meeting the income amounts will depend on new pledges from a combination of sources that includes not just new members, but pledges from a larger percentage of the existing membership, as well as increases from continuing supporters.

Sometime after the Annual Meeting, all members will be contacted by a member of the Finance Committee concerning their intent to pledge. When we have concluded this process, we will assess our progress on the pledge drive in order to determine if we can meet the proposed budget. Therefore, we hope that you will make it a priority to be involved in the budgeting pro-

cess by first carefully considering its financial implications prior to the Annual Meeting. Thanks for your consideration,

Mark Mayfield

UUFM Treasurer and Finance Chair

PROPOSED FY 2012/2013 UUFM BUDGET

INCOME

Contributions - Pledges	111,211
Contributions - Cash	2,500
Contributions - Non-pledge	8,000
Fundraising	4,000
Interest	100
Other Income (mostly rental)	800
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$126,621

EXPENSES

Administration	2,250
Building Contingency Fund	1,000
Caring	100
Committee on Ministry.....	-0-
Communications/Publicity	4,245
Dues	8,748
Facilities	4,815
Green Sanctuary	100
Insurance	2,550
Leadership Development	300
Legal Fees	40
Membership	370
Minister's Discretionary Fund.....	250
Miscellaneous	150
Music	300
Payroll	88,153
Program	1,750
Religious Education	1,960
Sitter	1,520
Social	600
Social Action	920
Utilities	6,250
Welcoming Congregation	250
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$126,621

BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES

Executive Board candidates standing for election appear in **BOLD ITALICS**, below. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

- Chair - Scott Tanona
- Chair-Elect - **TOM PHILLIPS**
- Treasurer - **BETTY BANNER**
- Secretary - Steven Mull
- Member-at-Large - Kathleen Tanona
- Member-at-Large - **LAURA BONELLA**
- Past Chair - Anne Cowan

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for a SPECIAL

UUFM SERVICE and COMEDY CONCERT

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No Joke!

Greg has been described as
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His songs and stories impart
empowering life messages
and spiritual insights
through the right-brain doorway
of music and laughter.



Childcare will be provided at both events.



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- April 1: Yvonne Lacy, Doug Walter, Marolyn Caldwell, Steve Mull, Esther and Stephen Simmons
- April 8: *EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH*
Social Welcoming Committee
- April 15: Stew and Colina Stanton, and Mike and Laura Bonella
- April 22: June and Charley Kempthorne, Anne Cowan, Amy Hilgendorf, and Nathan Albin
- April 29: Barbara Hacker, Terri Franz, Gwen Geiselman, Sam Lacy, the Shanteau Family

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

WHO'S THE UU?

Answers to questions from page 6 ...

- ~ **BUDDY** and **BOBETTE MCGAUGHEY** still believe that day in 1960 was one of the luckiest of their lives.
- ~ **JESSICA SIEVERS** was born on Earth Day.

Administrator's Schedule

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

Thursday, April	1 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, April	5 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, April	6 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, April	8 - 4 to 7 pm
Monday, April	12 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, April	13 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, April	15 - 4 to 9 pm
Thursday, April	22 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, April	24 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday, April	26 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, April	27 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, April	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

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.

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.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the May edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **APRIL 15**. *Committee chairs, please let the newsletter editor know about your upcoming activities, and volunteer opportunities.* Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net



APRIL 2012 at UUFM



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 10:45 AM SERVICE
The Sacred and the Silly
w/ Greg Tamblyn
7 PM APRIL FOOLS COMEDY CONCERT
Main Sanctuary
Greg Tamblyn

2 3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349

APRIL 1
RAMANAYAMI - Hindu
birth of Rama
PALM SUNDAY - Christian

3 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 PM SWING DANCING

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

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

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

MAHAVIR JAYANTI - Jain
HANUMAN JAYANTI - Hindu
THERAVADIN NEW YEAR
Buddhist - April 6 thru 9
GOOD FRIDAY - Christian

7 6 PM YOUNG ADULT PIZZA PARTY
1624 Osage, Matt Campbell, (913) 709-4693
6 PM PAGAN CIRCLE
S Burns, (218) 387-4273
PESACH / PASSOVER - Jewish

8 10:45 AM SERVICE
w/ Rev Michael Nelson
HELPING HANDS SUNDAY
Fairy Godmother Fund
12:15 PM EASTER POTLUCK
PALM SUNDAY
Orthodox Christian
EASTER - Christian

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

10 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 PM SWING DANCING

11
11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH
Ramblers Steakhouse
Harriette Janke, 539-0865
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
Jack Warren, 539-4073

12 1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER
4 TO 7 PM
SUSAN TURNER
5 TO 7 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
7 PM BOARD MEETING
Inez Alsop room. Anne Cowan, 537-2025

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7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE
Pat Embers, 539-2819
HOLY FRIDAY
Orthodox Christian

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BAISAKHI - Sikh
establishment of Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh

15 9 AM UUFM SINGERS rehearse
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Rev Michael Nelson
12:15 PM UUFM ANNUAL MEETING
see pg 7 in newsletter
EASTER - Orthodox Christian

16 1 PM
END OF LIFE DECISIONS
see pg 4 in newsletter

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

17 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

18
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room
Jack Warren, 539-4073

5:30 PM
SOCIAL ACTION MTG

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5:30 PM TAI CHI
6 PM
THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER
Susan Turner, 537-2349
YOM HASHO'AH - Jewish
Holocaust remembrance

20 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast
St Paul's Episcopal
Ana Franklin, 341-9908

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FIRST DAY OF RIDVAN - Baha'i
commemoration of Baha'u'llah

22
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Scott Tanona

12:20 PM DEEPENING UUISM - Main Sanctuary
see pg 4 in newsletter

23 1 PM
END OF LIFE DECISIONS
Michael Nelson, 537-2349

3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349
ST GEORGE'S DAY - Christian

24 1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349

7 PM
SWING DANCING
AKSHAYA-TRITIYA - Jain
marking end of year-long fast of Tirthankara Rshabhdeva

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
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER
at Fellowship, 537-2349
last minute NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT - Jewish
Independence Day of Israel

28 1 PM RE KIDS' SPRING PLANTING
Cory Zeller, 537-2349
11 AM TO 6 PM S TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349
VISAKHA PUJA - Buddhist
Observance of birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha

29 9 AM UUFM SINGERS rehearse
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Rev Michael Nelson
12:15 PM RE KIDS' BEDDING PLANT SALE
12:20 PM DEEPENING UUISM - Main Sanctuary

30 3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349

APRIL 29
NINTH DAY OF RIDVAN - Baha'i
commemoration of Baha'u'llah

