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JULY 2012 PROGRAMS

JULY 1 "A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST LIFE"

Intern Minister Shawna Foster, of the UU Fellowship of Topeka, considers what keeps us Unitarian Universalist. She will share some of the transformational moments that prepared her for ministry and the important work of other Unitarian Universalists going on today. This commitment to Unitarian Universalism is what will keep it moving forward through the ages--renew yourself by hearing moving stories of our religious tradition. Contact/convener is Dave Lambert at 587-8750 or david.k.lambert@gmail.com

JULY 8 "THE THEORY OF CREATION, THE THEOLOGY OF EVOLUTION"

Dave Lambert leads a discussion on the human quest for origins. The discussion is based on the contributions of Charles Darwin in understanding the evolution of the Earth's flora and fauna. Natural selection is perceived to guide randomness in evolution, as if species evolve under the influence of an Invisible Hand. Contact/convener is Dick Beeman at 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net

JULY 15 "CLIMBING ON A HORSE AND RIDING OFF IN ALL FOUR DIRECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME"

Rev Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus of Omaha's First Unitarian Church, has this to say about his sermon, "A long title deserves a short blurb--this sermon will deal with the UU obsession with diversity." Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

JULY 22 "GROWING SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE"

LaVerne Baker leads this service. A longtime friend of UUFM, LaVerne composed the poem commemorating our building expansion, displayed in the narthex. She is a retired speech therapist in the Junction City School District. Contact/convener is Steven Mull at 564-2150 or stevemull1@aol.com

JULY 29 "SYSTEMS THEORY, RELATIONSHIPS, AND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM"

Fellowship member Amber Venum explores the interconnectedness of all things, a systemic rationale for justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and how patterns of relationships connect over generations and throughout our lives. Contact Amber at (713) 828-3307 or avennum@ksu.edu

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**SUNDAY SERVICES begin at 10:45 AM
at 481 ZEANDALE ROAD**

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UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

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

*You are the road going right and left.
You are the knife and fork.
You are the daily bread.*

-- Against Forgetting, Daniel Simko

An exile from the former Czechoslovakia, Svetozar Daniel Simko knew that no certainty of place exists. He found his way in a new world, made a life from outside of what he knew. His fluid sense of his place created a force field, which pulled him deep into the imagination where he sought to find what, it means to be human. This realm where memory is not neglected always flows into the present. He returns to the forests near the Danube where the wild garlic and lilies grew; where he lies in the mud beneath the great elms to learn their language.

The poet of exile retrieves from the forgotten artifacts the essences necessary to thrive. He reminds himself as he creates that gratitude lives in us on a cellular level. We are the road taken and not taken. We are the knife and fork, the daily bread. We are the sum of all things known and not known. The poet builds bridges of words spanning what no longer exists to what does so that we can journey into the depths of our own imagination, where we find and retrieve gratitude. When we enter this interior realm of creation, we use the knife and fork of thankfulness to sustain our lives.

*In the bird-light, in the dream-light, messages
Of the dead drift through windows.*

Foraging for meaning tracks inroads into our unconscious where symbols potent with the basic ingredients of our daily bread wait for our arrival; wait to be transformed into the loaves that feed the hungry. Here we can't avoid loss or the sudden and unexpected ability to fly. This is a place where bits and pieces of our everyday reality tumble into configurations that often seem senseless, but with the poet's filtering, his dream-catcher, we can sense them as clearly as the table where we eat our food.

The scientist values imagination, as does the artist. Without its mysterious recesses our lives flatten into plain fact. Imagination makes us human. Imagination enables us to see in the knife and fork a cosmology in which we continuously find ourselves newly made from the confluence of genes and its code of memory that takes us back to the beginning of life on this planet. So much of life can only be

accessed through the power of imagination. We know that every person alive comes from the original parents.

It is easy to allow life to be taken over by the list of things to be done. Tasks consume our lives if we are not mindful, leaving little energy for awe and the invocation of reverence. Unitarian Universalist theology avoids most list making and calls us to look up into the night sky and see ourselves in the stars, to stretch ourselves beyond the duty bound life. It asks us to see in the newborn and the dying the vast potential of cosmic perception and gratitude that expands beyond what we think we know.

May imagination and its riches extend value into your life!

Michael

MICHAEL NELSON
SHARES A MOMENT
OF MUSICAL REFLECTION
DURING THE
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
ON DECEMBER 7, 2008



REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

In July, Michael Nelson will take some accumulated vacation and study leave time. Please contact the Fellowship office with urgent matters at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



A DUET DURING THE 2005 UUFM MUSICALE.



SPONTANEOUS DANCING AT THE 2007 UUFM MUSICALE.



A PIANO SOLO AT THE 2006 UUFM MUSICALE.

SARAH NUSS-WARREN AND CHRIS NAKAMURA WITH UUFM YOUTH CHOIR AT THE 2008 UUFM MUSICALE.



A VIOLIN SOLO AT THE 2010 UUFM MUSICALE.

JULY FAMILY FUN !!!

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **JULY 6** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. We'll have a fantabulous evening with a *summer fun* theme of fireflies, stargazing, and lazy days.

Relax after what's bound to be a hot week, by coming to a **SPLASH PARK PARTY**, at the southeast corner of Manhattan City Park, for some refreshing water fun. We'll meet at the Splash Park at 6 pm, on Saturday, **JULY 21**. Bring your own picnic dinner and cool down with some water fun. We hope you can join us!

On Sunday, **JULY 1**, our UU World Travelers explore the Kansas River with Larry Weaver, during our rescheduled *canoeing trip*. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy! On **JULY 8**, Marisa Larson introduces students to *Morocco* and the *Peace Corps*. Next, on **JULY 15**, Cathy Hedge helps students explore the wilds of *Imagination*. On **JULY 22**, students take a trip to *Romania* with Barbara Bascom, and on **JULY 29**, Elke Lorenz leads students on a tour of her native *Germany*.

Learn more about all youth and family activities at the Fellowship from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com



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 ...

Join Amber and Drew Venum for **JITTERBUG FOR ALL AGES** on Tuesdays, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. This six-week course meets on **TUESDAY EVENINGS** thru July 17. All ages and abilities are welcome. Learn more from Drew Venum 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

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, **JULY 11**, at 11:30 am, at the Bluestem Bistro, in Manhattan's Aggieville district. 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, **JULY 13**, at 7 pm, around the Fellowship fire circle (or inside in case of inclement weather). UUFM members, friends, and the community, and those of all ages are welcome. Bring your own drum or borrow one of ours. Pat Embers, 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

UUFM **YOUNG ADULTS** have made tentative plans to rent a boat for an outing on Milford Lake on Saturday, **JULY 14**. *At this time the date has not been finalized*, and plans are still being made. If you're interested in joining us, please let us know. Contact Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbel@ksu.edu, Amy Hilgendorf at (608) 712 5950 or amy.hilgendorf@gmail.com, or Stephen Simmons at (304) 667-0774 or stephen.r.simmons@gmail.com to learn more.

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER gathers on **JULY 19**, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. Michael Nelson is away this month, so, if you can bring a dish to share, this meal will be a potluck. If you aren't able to bring a dish, just bring your smile, family, and friends and join us for good food and great company! Mark Moser leads a brief **TAI CHI**-based meditation session before dinner, at 5:30 pm. Learn more from Sue Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers at 7 pm, on Wednesday, **JULY 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

PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

On Saturday, **JULY 7**, the UUFM Pagan Friendship Circle celebrates July's full moon, also known as the Buck Moon, Thunder Moon or Hay Moon. We'll meet again on Saturday, **JULY 21**, for a Two Kings New Year's Festival. The ancient Greeks and Egyptians both celebrated their New Year in summer. This collaborative ritual, led by a Hellenic polytheist and a Kemetic polytheist, will weave together elements from the Greek festival of Diisoteria honoring Zeus, and the Egyptian festival of Wep Ronpet honoring Ra. Both celebrations begin with light snacks at 6 pm, followed by ritual at 7 pm. As always, events are family-friendly, and open to all interested individuals. Learn more from Sarah Burns, (218) 387-4273 or adelamae@gmail.com

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's service gathers on Wednesday, **JULY 25**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



UUFM ROCKS
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
SHARE THEIR TALENTS
AT PREVIOUS MUSICALES



MUSICALE XI IS COMING !!!

HIDE YOUR TALENT UNDER A BUSHEL? NO, YOU GOTTA LET IT SHINE! Slots still remain for the 11th annual Musicale, on Sunday, August 26, but they will not last long. Members and friends are invited to share their musical, dramatic, and movement skills with the rest of us. Learn more from any member of the Music Committee: Dick Beeman, Marolyn Caldwell, Pat Embers, Cathy Hedge, Jim Shanteau, Jack Warren, or Michael Oldfather (chair) at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

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, JULY 8, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS**, an organization matching youth with an adult mentor. These relationships help children develop their self-esteem, improve school performance, and reduce the risk of drug and alcohol abuse. Additional information is available by visiting their web site at www.bbbs.org.

On June 10, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$525 to Shepherd's Crossing, an interfaith organization offering budget counseling, referrals, and assistance with rent, utilities, and prescription medications to local, low-income residents. During the past fiscal year (June 1, 2011 thru May 31, 2012) our congregation has donated \$6,712 to local charities via Helping Hands collections. Thank you all for your generous gifts. Learn more from Helping Hands coordinators Drew and Amber Vennum at (713) 828-3307 or drewvennum@gmail.com

FAIR TRADE MEETING AND BRUNCH

UUFM Fair Trade, a project of the Fellowship's Social Action Committee, hosts a meeting and brunch on Friday, July 13. A representative of Equal Exchange, the supplier of our fair trade food products, will be present, along with representatives of the other ten churches who sell Equal Exchange in Manhattan.

We will meet at 9 am for a light brunch, followed by the meeting. Interested Fellowship members, friends, and guests are welcome to attend. If you will be attending, please contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net

Equal Exchange supplies over 10,000 vendors. The UUFM has just placed in the top 350 in sales, and will occasionally be awarded with *free products*. These products will be offered to members and friends who browse our table following Sunday services. *Watch for them!*



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, JULY 13 and 27, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are needed to occasionally fill in.* Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. Learn more from Jennifer Bryan at 537-0057 or snowbird@violinifer.com

Our Communications Committee seeks volunteers familiar with social media outlets, and interested in spreading the word about our Fellowship to the wider community. **WEB, FACEBOOK, or TWITTER** savvy members and friends can learn more from Dan Swenson at 537-4733 or web@uufm.net, or Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net

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.

FAIR TRADE SALES

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, 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net, or talk to Anne on Sunday mornings at the Fair Trade display in the Fellowship's narthex.

ALL ABOUT US

A special thanks goes to **CATHY HEDGE** for interviewing our new members each month for this column. This month she offers an interview with Matt Campbell.

New member **MATT CAMPBELL** has a lovely statement about our Fellowship, "I came for what it wasn't. I stayed for what it was." He and his wife, **JEN**, searched for a community differing from their more traditional background and are pleased they found one with us. Matt was raised in Overland Park, Kansas. He received his undergraduate and Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University. He has a real passion for baking. His dream now is to build the perfect brick oven and discover what he can do with it. He swears it makes everything taste better. It will be fun for us to find out! Welcome to our UU Fellowship, Matt!

June was a month of loss in our Fellowship. Two matriarchs of the Fellowship passed away, as well as one past member. **JEUNE KIRMSER**, age 91, died on June 4. Jeune, along with her husband Philip who survives her, was a founding member of the Fellowship. Four days later on June 8, longtime member **DORIS GROSH**, age 87, passed away. Both Jeune and Doris lived at Meadowlark Hills at the time of their deaths. Memorial services for both of these remarkable women were held during the week of June 10 to honor and celebrate their lives. In addition, word was received that **THAD COWAN**, an active UU when we were back in the Bluemont House, died June 6 at his home in Bozeman, Montana. There will be some sort of event to remember Thad at a later date.

We regretfully bid farewell to so many Fellowship members this summer who are moving on to new jobs and adventures in other states and places. **KATIE** and **RYAN MYHRE** and family moved to Texas. **KATHERINE LAWRENCE** moved to Lawrence, Kansas, **DEIRDRE GREELEY** to South Carolina, and **MEGAN SHELL** to Wichita. **SARAH NUSS-WARREN** and **CHRIS NAKAMURA** (who recently earned his PhD) are moving to Michigan. We will miss you all but wish you the best and thank you for sharing a part of your lives with us.

Please, please, please. If you have news--milestones or milestones--to share, send it to Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

*Many thanks goes to **CYBIL PERKINS** for providing fun and interesting bits about our members in the "Who's the UU" portion of this column. This was her idea and it has been so much fun to learn your secret life stories. Please share more.*

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

- ~ This UU, his/her father, and all his/her siblings were physicians.
- ~ This UU was featured on several ABC "20-20" programs.

Find answers on page 8 of this newsletter.

COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES MEETING

The Council of Committees meets Monday, **JULY 2**, from 6:30 to 8 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. The Council is composed of all Chairs of UUFM committees and is chaired by the Chair-elect of the Executive Board, Tom Phillips. Tom is contacting all committee chairs now, but this announcement is for those who may not hear from Tom, and for the general information of the Fellowship. The Council will hear brief reports on the status of each committee regarding current work and plans for the year ahead. Committee chairs are invited to express needs from the Board or the Administration, and we will briefly discuss how ALL UUFM committees and other groups within the Fellowship can address the recommendations in the Assessment Report of UUA consultant Mary Gleason following her visit in May. Learn more from Tom at (405) 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu

ALL SOULS
UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF KANSAS CITY, MO,
LEADS THE PARADE OF
BANNERS AT THE 2006
PSD CONFERENCE IN
ST PAUL, MINNESOTA.



PSD ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMING TO TOPEKA !!!

DO YOU "HUNGER FOR JUSTICE?" That is the theme of the 2014 Prairie Star District Annual Conference to be held at the Ramada Inn, in Topeka, Kansas, April 11 thru 13, 2014.

SAVE THE DATE!

Topeka is the host city, but we need the support of the UU Fellowship of Manhattan and the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence to make this a successful meeting. Joanne and Philip Roudebush are co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee. They would like a member of both Fellowships to join them on the planning team for the conference. If you would like to be involved from start to finish and could serve as a liaison with your Fellowship please contact the Roudebush's at (785) 478-9019, or visburns@hotmail.com or philroudebush@gmail.com

FROM OUR CHAIR - SCOTT TANONA, JUNE 22, 2012

In its June meeting, the Board voted to act on two of the recommendations of our UUA consultant, Mary Gleason. First, we voted to move towards the model of stewardship she proposed, with separate, though related, stewardship and finance operations. Our chair-elect, Tom Philips, will be working to organize that transition.

Second, we voted to proceed with a vision-setting process, making late February our goal for having a Fellowship-wide workshop to determine a Fellowship vision.

For that "vision-setting" to be successful, what we do in the next seven months will be critical. As I've said before, the issue Mary saw is not that we don't have a sense of what's important in the Fellowship. The issue is that we haven't collectively declared a vision for our future in a way that lets us appeal to that vision in all we do.

UUFM is a diverse group in terms of our religious interests--that's part of what makes us UUs. But we also have to move as a group towards goals we care about collectively. Figuring that out will require that we prioritize our values individually, and as a Fellowship.

What will this look like? You'll be hearing more about this in the coming months. Basically, we're inviting people to take part in and lead as many group discussions as possible that will help us deeply reflect on our values, understand our neighbor's needs, and have discussions about how we each prioritize what really matters to us here. I know of several people who, after reading the consultant's report, are already interested in getting people together to read *Serving with Grace*, by Erik Wikstrom (the Fellowship will buy some copies for people to borrow). There are many ways we can each encourage these sorts of discussions. The goal is *not* to collect information now about what we each think our vision ought to be, but to have conversations that will help us each reflect upon what we truly want out of the Fellowship, how much we really care about the things we say we care about, and why those things matter for our UU identity.

There is no single right answer to any of these questions. What matters is that we are clear about our values and help the Fellowship "live its values" through our collective actions. We can do this by thinking not

only about what we each get out of the Fellowship, but also about what we think are our obligations as a liberal religious Fellowship in Kansas.

UUFM is in a good place. We hope this process will help raise it to the next level--whatever that next level is!

Scott

You'll find a link to the UUA Consultant's report on our homepage at <http://uufm.net>. Contact Executive Board Chair Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net to learn more about the on-going vision-setting process, or with any questions or suggestions concerning our Fellowship's governance and Board activities.

SCOTT TANONA
LIGHTS THE CHALICE
DURING THE SUNDAY SERVICE
ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2009



UUFM MEMORIAL GARDEN

Fellowship Memorial Garden coordinator Barbara Hacker invites members and friends to explore an often-missed corner of our Fellowship grounds. The UUFM Memorial Garden was established in 1986 as a perpetual memorial ground. Rev Charles Stephen dedicated the garden in April 1993. Members and friends who so desire, may their have their ashes scattered in designated flowerbeds in the Memorial Garden. Flat stones bordering the flowerbeds are provided for use as memorial markers.

At the southwest corner of the upper parking lot, look for a path leading up the hill, next to the medicine circle. Winding up over wide natural limestone steps, with a bench to take a breather halfway up, visitors may view native plants, wildflowers, birds, and other creatures. In the garden at the top of the path, there are seating areas for quiet contemplation. Learn more from Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or barbaradhacker@yahoo.com



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- July 1: Shirley and Brice Hobrock, Dick and Judy Cattell, Monta Manney
- July 8: Elke Lorenz, Sue Pray, Nathan Albin, Pat Weisenburger, Mark Mayfield and Carolyn Ferguson
- July 15: Kathleen and Michael Oldfather, Bobette and Buddy McGaughey
- July 22: Dan and Kathy Swenson, and Jen and Matt Campbell
- July 29: Yvonne Lacy, Marolyn Caldwell, Steve Mull, and Stephen and Esther Simmons

Volunteering to serve on a Coffee and Greeting team is a great way to give to the Fellowship with a minimum investment of time. Learn more from Elke Lorenz, 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

WHO'S THE UU? questions on page 6 ...

- ~ **JIM BASCOM's** father was a pioneer of medicine in Manhattan. Jim was the youngest of four brothers who all became doctors.
- ~ **BARBARA BASCOM's** work in Romanian orphanages captured the attention of the world in a 1990 feature entitled "The Shame of A Nation."

Administrator's Schedule

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

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| Monday, July | 2 - 3 to 5 pm |
| Tuesday, July | 3 - 12 to 5 pm |
| Thursday, July | 5 - 12 to 5 pm |
| Monday, July | 9 - 3 to 5 pm |
| Tuesday, July | 10 - 12 to 5 pm |
| Thursday, July | 12 - 12 to 5 pm |
| Monday, July | 16 - 3 to 5 pm |
| Tuesday, July | 17 - 4 to 7 pm |
| Thursday, July | 19 - 4 to 9 pm |
| Thursday, July | 26 - 12 to 5 pm |
| Saturday, July | 28 - 11 am to 6 pm |
| Monday, July | 30 - 12 to 5 pm |
| Tuesday, July | 31 - 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.

Please 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 Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available before finalizing plans for any use of the Fellowship building, including **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be held in the Fellowship building. To confirm building availability and schedule your activity, or for more information, contact Sue at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the August edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **JULY 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

JULY 2012 at UUFM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ <i>Shawna Foster</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>3 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p> <p>6:30 PM COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES MTG Main Sanctuary - Tom Phillips, (405) 880-6483</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p> <p>6:30 PM JITTERBUG CLASS Alsop rm, Drew Vennum 785 236-8802</p> <p><i>ASALHA PUJA - Buddhist commemorating the Buddha's first sermon</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jupiter room Jack Warren, 539-4073</p> <p><i>LAILAT AL BARA'AH - Islamic night of divine mercy</i></p> <p><i>INDEPENDENCE DAY - secular United States</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 TO 9:30 PM PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!! Sandy Nelson, 341-0135</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 PM PAGAN CIRCLE <i>Full Moon Ritual</i> S Burns, (218) 387-4273</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ <i>Dave Lambert</i></p> <p>HELPING HANDS SUNDAY Big Brothers/Big Sisters</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p> <p><i>MARTYRDOM OF BAB - Baha'i death of founder, Ali Mohammed</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p> <p>6:30 PM JITTERBUG CLASS Alsop rm, Drew Vennum 785 236-8802</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH Bluestem Bistro Harriette Janke, 539-0865</p> <p>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH <i>FEAST OF ST BENEDICT Catholic Christian</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast</p> <p>9 AM FAIR TRADE MTG and brunch, Anne Cowan, 537-2025</p> <p>7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE Pat Embers, 539-2819</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:15 AM YOUNG ADULT BOATING PARTY Milford Lake, Stephen Simmons, (304) 667-0774</p> <p><i>OBON (ULAMBANA) - Buddhist Japan - honoring the dead</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ <i>Rev Ron Knapp</i></p> <p><i>FEAST OF ST VLADIMIR Orthodox / Catholic Christian</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>3 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4 TO 7 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p> <p>7 PM BOARD MEETING Inez Alsop room. Scott Tanona, 537-6208</p> <p>6:30 PM JITTERBUG CLASS</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jupiter room Jack Warren, 539-4073</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30 PM TAI CHI</p> <p>6 PM 3RD THURSDAY SUPPER Susan Turner, 537-2349</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>RAMADAN - Islam begins at sundown</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>6 PM FAMILY FUN SPLASH PARTY Manhattan City Park, Molly McGaughey, 776-4543</p> <p>6 PM PAGAN CIRCLE <i>Diisoteria and Wep Ronpet</i> S Burns, (218) 387-4273</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ <i>LaVerne Baker</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>BIRTHDAY OF HAILE SELASSI I Rastafarian</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>last minute NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i></p> <p><i>PIONEER DAY Latter Day Saints - Mormon settlers reach Salt Lake</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jack Warren, 539-4073</p> <p>3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE</p> <p>7 PM BOOK DISCUSSION Lorrie Cross, 539-7883</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p> <p>JULY 25 <i>FEAST OF ST JAMES THE GREAT Catholic Christian</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Ana Franklin, 341-9908</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11 AM TO 6 PM S TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p> <p><i>TISHA B'AV - Jewish Begins at sundown. Fast day marking destruction of first and second Temples</i></p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ <i>Amber Vennum</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>3 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349</p>				