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SEPTEMBER 2012 PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 2 "MAKE LIGHT"

Rev Michael Nelson reflects, "India's barefoot College trains illiterate and semi-illiterate women from around the world to make solar lights providing them a road to freedom. Does your work fulfill higher aspirations you have for yourself? Does your labor help you and others live a more meaningful life?" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

SEPTEMBER 9 "PERSONAL SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS"

New Fellowship members Esther Simmons, Drew Vennum, and Matt Campbell share the paths that lead them to this point in their personal spiritual journeys. Contact/convener is Dave Lambert at 587-8750 or david.k.lambert@gmail.com

Following the September 9 service, we hope you can join us for our annual PANCAKE BRUNCH. Learn more on page 4 of this newsletter.

SEPTEMBER 16 "SETTING YOUR OWN PATH"

Rev Michael Nelson muses, "Unitarian Universalism encourages each person to take full responsibility for the direction of their lives. We are empowered by our faith to script our own stories to the very end of our lives. A number of members of the Compassion and Choices class will share what it means to consider what choices will bring the most meaning and integrity to this day and at the end of their life." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

SEPTEMBER 23 "ELDERCARE IN AN AGING POPULATION"

Garrett Lee, the Administrator for Meadowlark Hills Wellness Partners, will discuss how society can adapt to the increasing challenges associated with caring for a rapidly aging population. Contact/convener is Dick Beeman at 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net

SEPTEMBER 30 "WHEN FICTION BECOMES YOUR SCRIPTURE"

Fellowship member Molly McGaughey shares how she finds strength and guidance through fiction. Since her teenage years, Molly has observed that life's lessons have come in unusual packages. Contact Molly at 776-4543 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com



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

Vacation and study leave give me the freedom to hurry less. I can read a book of poetry a couple of times, allowing the rhythm of the words to fully enter so that the images and their meaning have stunning power. *The Kingdom of Ordinary Time*, by Marie Howe, continues to grip me. As the pull of pastoral work revs up, I return to the following poem for guidance ...

HURRY

*We stop at the dry cleaner and grocery store
and the gas station and the green market and
Hurry up honey, I say hurry, hurry,
as she runs along two or three steps behind me
her blue jacket unzipped and her socks rolled down.*

*Where do I want her to hurry to? To her grave?
To mine? Where one day she might stand all grown?*

*Today, when all the errands are finally done, I say to her,
Honey I'm sorry I keep saying Hurry--
you walk ahead of me. You be the mother.*

*And, Hurry up, she says, over her shoulder, looking
back at me. Laughing. Hurry up now darling, she says,
hurry, hurry, taking the house keys from my hand.*

What is a healthy pace that leaves ample room for savoring what's precious? In northern Vermont, Chuck and I lingered for hours over breakfast discussing what we were reading and writing, taking in the mountain meadow, bright with flowers, enveloped in the soft summer air. The lack of pressure felt lusciously liberating. Mid-afternoon we would hike up to Rattlesnake Cliffs or a portion of the Appalachian Trail, and on our way back stop at Brookfield pond for a swim. This slowing down gets into the bones. You feel more at home in yourself and have a deeper appreciation for beauty and all it offers.

When fewer obligations press, you notice when anxiety pushes against your psyche. In Vermont, the highest speed limit is 65 and most of the paved roads have a speed limit of 40 or 50. This slow pace tried my patience. I mean, even teenagers, drove slow. Along the major highways, signs flashed that said, "Drive slow, stay alive." Last year Vermont had only 50 deaths attributed to automobile accidents. I can't say I got use to these slow speeds, but I do find, since returning to Kansas, that sometimes I drive slower than the limit. When I do it feels luxurious.

May you be blessed with the luxury of time to fully enjoy what you love and what loves you.

Michael

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

This month, Michael Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Wednesday, September	5 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, September	11 - 4 to 6 pm
Wednesday, September	12 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday, September	19 - 2 to 4 pm
Thursday, September	20 - 4 to 7 pm
Tuesday, September	25 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday, September	27 - 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

ADULT RE: COMFORTABLE WITH UNCERTAINTY

Pema Chodron's book of this title guides us in an exploration of what helps us to cultivate compassion and awareness. In this time when our state and country experience strident divisions we need humor and less competitive strategies to see and live from our values of inclusion and diversity. Of course this work starts and ends with the self. Rev Michael Nelson facilitates. Books will be available at the Fellowship. Please let us know if you will need childcare. The class meets on the first four Wednesdays in October, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Enrollment is limited to 10 people. Contact Susan Turner, 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, to enroll.

MINISTRY ASSESSMENT

The Fellowship's agreement with Michael Nelson calls for regular assessments of the state of ministry in the Fellowship. The Committee on Ministry, with support of the Executive Board, is in the process of doing this now. We will be talking directly with a sampling of the Fellowship and inviting input from everyone. This is a chance to reflect on ministry in the Fellowship in all of its dimensions and to better understand what we expect from our minister as well as from each other. Please take part when the opportunity arises.

NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Our congregation welcomes visitors and new members this month. On Sunday, September 16, new members will be recognized in a brief ceremony during the morning service. New members and friends will also receive an invitation in the next few days to a Welcoming gathering at the home of Nathan and Courtney Albin. Watch your mailbox! If you do not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please contact Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES !!!

Thursday and Friday, **AUGUST 30** and **31**, be sure to join us for the biggest pep rally of the year--**PURPLE POWER PLAY ON POYNTZ!** There will be lots of fun for the whole family! *We need you to help staff, visit and/or otherwise support our UUFM booth at this event.* This is an exciting opportunity to share the values of the UU with the larger Manhattan community. Please contact Sandy Nelson if you can offer 30 minutes or an hour helping in the UUFM booth, between 6 and 10 pm, on either Thursday or Friday. Learn more from Sandy Nelson, 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com



We urgently need one or two volunteers teach a new class for our teens (ages 12 thru 17). This promises to be particularly fun, advising our older students as they plan their goals for the Fall semester at the Fellowship.

Adult volunteers of all ages are needed to help with our weekly RE classes. You can teach a single class, a few weeks, or a full semester. Written curriculums are available, and all volunteers will receive assistance with planning and in the classroom.

We also need adult helpers, to assist teachers and students. All Fellowship members, from young adults to grandparents, are invited to get involved with our kids.

Don't have time to teach a class? Consider becoming a classroom substitute to fill in on days our regular teachers are unable to attend. Or, serve as a chaperone for occasional trips and other activities. Of course, our popular Parent's Night Out can't happen without parent volunteers. If you can attend one PNO session this year, please let Sandy know.

Talk to Sandy Nelson after Sunday services, or contact her at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com, to learn more about ways you can help, or to offer suggestions and ideas of your own.

DRE SEARCH BEGINS!

The search for our next Director of Religious Education is on. View the position description at www.uufm.net/2012/07/dre/ Please spread the word. Molly McGaughey at 776-4543 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com, Kathleen Tanona, and Nathan Albin staff the DRE Search Committee.

SEPTEMBER FAMILY FUN

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **SEPTEMBER 7** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. We'll have a fabulous evening with lots of supervised activities and fun for all.

This month's Family Fun Event is scheduled Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 22**. Our activity is still in the planning stages; however, we're considering bowling, or, if the weather cooperates maybe we'll meet at the Konza Prairie for a nature walk. Learn more from Sandy Nelson, 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

On Sunday, **September 2**, our UU World Travelers make preparations for the UURE Olympics/Welcome Home Party, which will be held on the following Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 9**.

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 ...*

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 **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** gathers on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 1, and again on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 18, for Mabon (Autumn Equinox). Both events gather at 6 pm for snacks and discussion, followed by ritual around the fire circle, at 7 pm. As always, events are family-friendly, and open to all interested individuals. Sarah Burns, (218) 387-4273 or adelamae@gmail.com

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 12, at 11:30 am, at Carlos O'Kelly's, in the Manhattan Town Center Mall. 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

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER will be held on SEPTEMBER 20, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. We've really enjoyed and appreciated the food contributed in the past few months, and will be continuing our transition to a potluck meal in September. If you can bring a dish to share, please do. If you aren't able to bring a dish, come with 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. Attend one, or both events. Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, SEPTEMBER 21, this month. At this special gathering, on the third Friday in September, we join in the international *10 Billion Beats* drumming event, as drummers pass the beat from time zone to time zone, going around the world in 24 hours. Learn more by visiting www.10billionbeats.com. We meet at Ken and Pat Embers, 733 Galaxy Drive in Manhattan (off Stagg Hill Road), promptly at 6:45 pm. Members, friends, and the community, and those of all ages and experience levels are invited. Bring your own drum or borrow one of ours. Pat Embers, 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers at 7 pm, on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 26, at 7 pm. Watch for announcements on the Fellowship's email list and in Sunday morning bulletins for this month's title and location. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

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SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our first monthly Fellowship Dinner will be held on Friday, **SEPTEMBER 7**, from 6 to 9 pm. This month, Marolyn Caldwell and Steven Mull will be our hosts. A long tradition at UUFM, this is a great way to get to know other Fellowship members and friends. At Fellowship dinners, hosts provide the place and those attending bring a dish. Hosts will contact attendees about which dish to bring. A sign up sheet will be provided on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship's narthex, or, learn more from Jim Shanteau, shanteauj@yahoo.com or 537-0526, or Anne Marchin, 539-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's service gathers Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 26**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Rev Michael Nelson asks, "How do you make choices that support the best in your life?" Learn more from Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 16**, at 9:30 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more about vocal music at the Fellowship from music director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

YOUNG ADULTS MEET TO DISCUSS VISION PLANNING

The UUFM Young Adult's group will meet following the Sunday service on **SEPTEMBER 2**, to discuss vision planning. We are doing this to provide input from our group to the UUFM Vision Planning Committee, and to motivate others to begin discussing vision planning. All interested young adults are invited. Lunch is planned. Perhaps a pizza. Learn more from Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbel@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, **SEPTEMBER 9**, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **SUNFLOWER CASA** (Court-Appointed Special Advocates). CASA provides training and support to caring volunteers who advocate for foster children in the court system.

On August 12, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$563 to the Flint Hills Community Clinic. 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 COFFEE

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.

AREA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUNFLOWER CASA Project seeks community volunteers. There are foster children in the court system, waiting for your care as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Fall training begins Monday, **SEPTEMBER 10**, at First Lutheran Church, in Manhattan. Learn more from Bridget Howland, CASA Resource Development Director, at 537-6367 or bridget@sunflowercasa.org, or visit <http://casa.manhattank.org>

The **PEGGY BOWMAN SECOND CHANCE FUND** seeks volunteers to staff a pro-choice booth at the Kansas State Fair. Each volunteer will cover one shift between Friday, **SEPTEMBER 7**, and Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 16**. There are three shifts each day, from 9 am to 1 pm, 1 to 5 pm, and 5 to 9 pm. Contact Peggy at 316 650-6906 or pbowman4@cox.net to learn more.

The **AIDS BICYCLE CRUISE**, on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 16**, is noncompetitive charity ride raising funds for HIV/AIDS service organizations in Kansas City. This year's "party on wheels" follows a 15-mile route through Westport, The Plaza, Brookside, Waldo and the organizations that benefit from the ride. All skill levels are welcome. Visit www.abckc.org, call 816 931-0959, or email ride@abckc.org to learn more.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Social Action Committee meets in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room at 5:30 pm, on Monday, **SEPTEMBER 10**. All members and friends interested in Social Justice are invited. Contact Social Action Committee chair Stacey Broughman at 410-9413 or socialaction@uufm.net

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE--if that's your mantra, we have an opportunity for you!!! We need a volunteer to remove full bags from the kitchen recycling bins, put in new bags, and take the contents to Howie's Recycling. We also need someone to take waste paper and cardboard from our office to Howie's once every two or three months. Learn more from Enell Foerster at 537-0977 or foerbande@gmail.com

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, **SEPTEMBER 7** and **21**, 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 537-0333 or snowbird@violinifer.com

Our Communications Committee seeks volunteers for our booth at the **PURPLE POWER PLAY ON POYNTZ**. Thirty minute and one hour shifts are available. Can you *staff, visit and/or otherwise support our UUFM booth?* This is an exciting opportunity to share the values of UUs with the larger Manhattan community. Contact Molly McGaughey at 776-4543 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com to learn more.

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 goes into a designated account benefiting the shelter.

ALL ABOUT US

A special thanks goes to **CATHY HEDGE** for interviewing new members each month for this column. This month she offers this interview with Nathan Albin.

We're happy to welcome our new member, **NATHAN ALBIN**. Nathan is from the small town of Quinter, Kansas, where he met Courtney, his wife. After high school, he joined Courtney's family when they moved to Hawaii. There, they both received their Bachelor's degrees. Nathan completed graduate school in Utah, earning a PhD in math. He now works at Kansas State. Both he and Courtney grew up in religious households and wanted that sense of community for their daughter, Maia. Nathan was inspired to become a Unitarian by Kurt Vonnegut, a Humanist. He first attended a Humanist group that met at a Unitarian church in Utah. When he and Courtney moved here, they researched what was available in Manhattan. He is 'super happy' to have found us! He feels he fits well at UUFM, as he likes to think things through and solve problems. He is happiest when in pursuit of the answer. We can't promise you answers here, Nathan, but lots of pursuing! *Welcome!*

During the week of August 13th, **JIM SHANTEAU** received a 40-year service pin from Governor Sam Brownback for his work as a University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology at K-State. There was a special ceremony in front of the Capitol in Topeka.

BRICE and **SHIRLEY HOBROCK** announce the arrival of a granddaughter, Samantha, born to daughter Gretchen, in Buffalo, New York. Samantha joins brother, Jack, who will turn three in September.

Sadly we bid farewell to **SAM** and **CORY ZELLER** and family who moved recently to Chicago where Sam accepted a new position. They were happy to move back closer to family but sad to leave Manhattan and UUFM.

Former UUFM member **THAD COWAN** died June 7, 2012, in Bozeman, Montana. Thad was an emeritus professor of the K-State Psychology Dept and an active member of UUFM in 1970s. A funeral service was held at the Bozeman UU in June. *A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THAD WILL BE HELD AT UUFM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, AT 2 PM.* Many could not make it to Montana so this will be a time for Manhattan friends and the grandchildren to remember Thad.

Please, share your news--milestones or millstones--with Caring Committee chair Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

- ~ This UU couple met in a bank in Lyon, France, where they were both living.
- ~ At age 23, this UU sold his/her car to finance a trip to South Africa.

Find answers on page 8 of this newsletter.

GRINS AND GIGGLES

WHY DID THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CROSS THE ROAD?

... To support the chicken in its search for its own path.

MORE, HOW MANY UUS DOES IT TAKE TO SCREW IN A LIGHT BULB?

Ten: One to change the light bulb, and nine to form a "Survivors of Darkness" sharing circle.

None: We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the light bulb; however, if you have found in your own journey that light bulbs work for you, that is fine. You are invited to write a poem, compose a musical interpretation, or share a reading about your personal relationship with your light bulb, or light bulbs, and present it next month at our annual Light Bulb Sunday service in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, LED, three-way, long-life, and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence.

Thank you Christy Hazel for a UUnique take on the ubiquitous chicken/road question. Do you have a favorite UU joke? Send it to Susan at office@uufm.net!

\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM

Attention! Attention! Great News from Dillons!

New – RELOADABLE - Plastic Gift Cards
for \$mart \$hopper program

1. Purchase a UUFM reloadable plastic gift card in the Fellowship's narthex any Sunday morning for \$5
2. Add to your new UUFM card any amount up to \$500 at your favorite Dillons checkout stand. Important: To add to your card you may use cash, check, or CREDIT CARD (you get your free miles!) BUT this MUST be done in a SEPARATE transaction BEFORE making purchases at the checkout counter.
3. UUFM receives a 5% rebate on all covered purchases!!

No Cost to You – No Cost to the Fellowship
Its Win Win!

Buy cards as gifts for friends or family
THEIR reloaded amounts will benefit UUFM!

Fall is a good time to remind ourselves to be attentive to visitors. True hospitality can be a difficult virtue to foster, even though we value it.

What are the barriers to a Fellowship's becoming more actively and warmly welcoming to new people? Well, I think we have to be honest that individually there are some benefits that come from NOT welcoming people--we avoid the awkwardness of talking with strangers, stay comfortable with who and what we know, and get to talk with people we already like. Plus, I think we tell ourselves that we shouldn't push ourselves onto people too much. UUs can tend to identify themselves by pointing out what they are not--for example, how we are unlike many fundamental faith-based Christian churches--and then deliberately avoid adopting strategies found in those other traditions (such as evangelizing), because they are tainted by association.

But are those benefits worth the risk that the person standing in the corner does not come back because she felt out of place? By remaining "non-pushy" after service, and non-vocal about our UU identity in other contexts, we lose out on the value of bringing the joys of the Fellowship to people who would really benefit from it. Let's be clear that there is value in giving people free space--we should honor that. But let's also be clear in the value of reaching out.

It is true that the values of the Fellowship do not fit for everyone. But for those who they might fit, we have to give them a chance. People who study these things suggest that the first couple of minutes after a service is critical to whether a visitor comes back. Friendly discussion, approaching people with an open ear, and asking them about themselves, is usually all that it takes. (But don't ask how they found out about us--they've probably already been asked that, and anyway, that's more about us, not them). Especially if someone has stuck around for coffee, they are probably looking for connections, and we should try to help them with that.

I like to think about what new people bring to our Fellowship. Through their excitement I can see how important it is to bring the Fellowship to people. I really appreciate, for example, what Drew and Amber Vennum have done with their dance classes and their work with our "sharing our values" discussions, the excitement and new ideas Marisa Larson and Rita Bachman have brought to communications, the thoughtful and knowledgeable recommendations Amy Hilgendorf has given to the Committee on Ministry and to the vision and values discussions, and the infectious energy Matt and Jen Campbell have put into creating both our vegetable garden and more opportunities for younger members to get connected. These are all relatively new members who are making a difference in the Fellowship, and, I dare say, have found the Fellowship to be a meaningful part of their lives. They are examples--

and not the only ones--of what the Fellowship gains when it gains new members: something much more than merely new bodies.

Scott

UPDATE ON UUFM FINANCES - BETTY BANNER, TREASURER

Each spring committee chairs advise the Finance Committee of their financial needs to conduct programming for the next year. These figures form the basis of our annual budget. Pledges, made and fulfilled, are our primary source of income. During both the last fiscal year and this current year the amount pledged was not sufficient to meet our operational needs. Further, only 92% of the pledged amount was actually contributed last fiscal year. We understand that sometimes unforeseen events prevent one from fulfilling a pledge. We do sometimes receive special gifts and have a small amount of income from building rental and fundraisers. Even so, last year we took money from our savings and still ended up with an operating loss of \$2,846.

While it is too early in the fiscal year to know how our financial resources will play out there are some indicators that are warning lights. Our budget, as approved at the Annual Meeting, included an expectation of pledge income of \$111,221. The pledge drive is complete and the total amount pledged is \$101,448, or \$9,773 less than we need. The vacancy of the Director of Religious Education (DRE) position can be expected to result in reduced expenses of approximately \$5,000, but we also need to be aware that some expenses will increase over the budgeted amount such as has already happened with our insurance.

I have requested all of our committee chairs to be cautious in their spending and have advised that if our shortfalls continue there may need to be cuts in their budgets later. Just like your household, we may need to defer some expenses if we do not have the funds available to cover them. I do not believe that we can continue to operate on a deficit basis and will make every effort to insure that we end this fiscal year within our income.

You too can help. Contribute your pledged amount according to the schedule you set. If you have not pledged, ask yourself if you can now do so. Every cent counts. If you make cash contributions, there are envelopes in the collection basket for you to use. Support fundraising activities. The Pancake Brunch will be this month [*Sunday, Sept 9*]. Purchase your coffee at UUFM. If you do your grocery shopping at Ray's, Hy-Vee or Dillon's, purchase the grocery certificates. You will spend the same amount on groceries as you always do and UUFM will get up to 5% on your certificate purchase. This is a win-win for all of us.

I don't want to be all doom and gloom but to give you a realistic picture of our finances. Questions and suggestions are welcome. I'll provide another update in a few months.

Contact Betty at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Sept 2: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster, Dan Marcus, Kelly Neel, Wayne Clark
- Sept 9: **PANCAKE BRUNCH** - Social Cmte
- Sept 16: Abigail Conrad, Judy Exdell, Diane Barker, and Gail Ragan
- Sept 23: Sylvia and Dick Beeman
- Sept 30: Ana Franklin, Jim Shanteau, Pat and Ken Embers, Christy Hazel

As of September 2, drinks will be the only refreshment after service. The Social Committee hopes this lessens the commitment involved, helps keep our building clean, and provides more room and time for mingling. Thank you for giving this a try. We will reassess in December. Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

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

- ~ After flying a helicopter in Vietnam, **KEN EMBERS** moved to France. One day he went into a bank and was directed to their bilingual teller **PAT**. They married 5 years later in Lake Tahoe.
- ~ **ELKE LORENZ** was managing the office of the Republic of South Africa Consulate in Stuttgart, Germany, when she sold her Citroen to finance her trip. Elke says, "The trip to RSA was a huge adventure."

Administrator's Schedule

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

Monday, Sept 3 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Sept 4 -	12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Sept 6 -	12 to 5 pm
Monday, Sept 10 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Sept 11 -	4 to 7 pm
Thursday, Sept 13 -	12 to 5 pm
Monday, Sept 17 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Sept 18 -	12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Sept 20 -	4 to 9 pm
Thursday, Sept 27 -	12 to 5 pm
Saturday, Sept 29 -	11 am to 6 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.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the October edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 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

SEPTEMBER 2012 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1

6 PM PAGAN CIRCLE
S Burns, (218) 387-4273
CHURCH YEAR BEGINS
Orthodox Christian

2

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Rev Michael Nelson
12:15 PM YOUNG ADULTS
Visioning - Matt Campbell
(913) 709-4693

3

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

4

12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM FINANCE MEETING
Betty Banner, 776-1887

5

12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room, Jack
Warren, 539-4073
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at
Fellowship, 537-2349

6

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

7

7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast
6:30 TO 9:30 PM
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
Sandy Nelson, 341-0135
7 PM FELLOWSHIP DINNER
325 Fordham - Jim
Shanteau, 537-0526

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NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
Orthodox Christian
BIRTHDAY OF VIRGIN MARY
Catholic Christian

9

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
Spiritual Journeys
HELPING HANDS SUNDAY
Sunflower CASA
12:15 PM PANCAKE BRUNCH
Terri Franz, 776-1887

10

3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
Fellowship, 537-2349
5:30 PM SOCIAL ACTION
MTG - Inez Alsop room
S Broughman, 410-9413

11

4 TO 6 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
4 TO 7 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM BOARD MEETING
Scott Tanona, 537-6208
ETHIOPIAN NEW YEAR
Rastafarian

12

11:30 AM
WOMEN'S LUNCH
Carlos O'Kelly's
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at
Fellowship, 537-2349

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12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
Fellowship, 537-2349
SEPTEMBER 12
GHAMBAR PATTISHEM
Zoroastrian - celebrating crea-
tion and summer harvest

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HOLY CROSS DAY
Catholic and Orthodox Christian

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9:30 AM
SINGERS REHEARSE
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Rev Michael Nelson

17

3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
Fellowship, 537-2349
ROSH HASHANAH - Jewish
Begins at sundown

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

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12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room, Jack
Warren at 539-4073
4 TO 6 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at
Fellowship, 537-2349
GANESHA CHATURTHI - Hindu
birthday of Ganesha

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5:30 PM TAI CHI
6 PM THIRD THURSDAY
SUPPER - Alsop room
Susan Turner at 537-2349
PARYUSHANA - Jain
time of fasting and reflection

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7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast
St Paul's Episcopal Church
Jennifer Bryan, 537-0333
6:45 PM DRUM CIRCLE
10 Billion Beats
733 Galaxy Drive
Pat Embers, 539-2819

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6 PM PAGAN CIRCLE
Mabon celebration
S Burns, (218) 387-4273
MABON - Pagan/Wiccan
HIGAN - Buddhist
Autumnal Equinox

23

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Garrett Lee, Eldercare

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3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at
Fellowship, 537-2349
LAST MINUTE
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room
3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE
Michael Nelson, 537-2349
7 PM BOOK DISCUSSION
Lorrie Cross, 539-7883
YOM KIPPUR - Jewish
Begins at sundown

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

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SEPTEMBER 29
SAMVATSARI - Jain
final day of Paryushana

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11 AM TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
Fellowship, 537-2349
MESKAL - Ethiopian Orthodox
Christian- St Eleni (Helena)
finds True Cross
MICHAELMAS - Orthodox
and Catholic Christian

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ Molly McGaughey