



## OCTOBER 2012 PROGRAMS

### OCTOBER 7 "WATER: THE GIFT OF LIFE"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "Without a source of water life cannot thrive. For those of you who have city water or have a rural water line, taking a warm shower is not something you probably think much about. Even though the inferno summer has past, the drought lingers." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

### OCTOBER 14 "MANAGING MEMORIES"

Fellowship member Brice Hobrock discusses the importance of listening to voices of the past, and describes how those voices shape us. We gain a sense of spirituality from discovery and visualization of our origins. Retrieving memories and placing value on stories from personal history and memoir give us a deeper appreciation of the meaning of our existence and our place in the continuum of time. Contact/convener is Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

### OCTOBER 21 "COMMUNITY: A FORCE FOR GOOD AND BAD"

Ron Parks and Rev Michael Nelson explore the dynamics of both destructive and healthy communities. Michael muses, "Communities provide the matrix for a coherent life that provides inspirational guidance. They can diminish diversity by disrespecting the inherent worth and dignity of others. Ron Parks in his book writes, 'the Kanza way of life required an earth awareness that was time-tested, practical, nuanced, and cyclical.'" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

### OCTOBER 28 "UU BELIEFS AND MILITARY SERVICE"

Fellowship member and active duty service member Stephen Simmons discusses his experience in Iraq, and his efforts to reconcile his spiritual beliefs with military service. Contact/convener is Ken Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

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## UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at [www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml](http://www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml)

*it was whispered to me  
by the oldest trees.*

*By the Oldest of Beings  
the Oldest of Trees*

*Bristlecone Pine.*

*And all night long sung on  
by a young throng  
of Pinyon Pine.*

Gary Snyder takes us back 5,000 years to when the Bristlecone pine of his poem germinated. Have you ever put your ear against the trunk of an old tree, closed your eyes and listened? I have heard the buffalo in the grooves of Grandmother oak's bark who has lost limbs bigger than most trees. The black scar speaks the thunder that brought the lightning to another limb. I can hear the wolf call. Really? Is it imagination or can the cellular memory of a tree communicate? Perhaps it's both, but what difference does it make? Having access points to the past enlivens reality. We are here the mix of everything that came before us.

At dusk or a misty dawn sometimes you see the sea that formed the limestone underneath the rise and fall of the Flint Hills prairie. Everything is dim, endless and rolling. You are not stuck in a single moment but can sense, even if it is just a little bit, how infinity plays. In our culture where we collapse the world into facts, based on data, we can lose touch with the wonder of our existence. Especially in this season of politics, when we avidly watch or avoid polls and bemoan the loss of another important program that helped small towns or people with serious psychological problems. Of course it is important for us as Unitarian Universalists to help shape what comes; to participate in the process of making the world a place where all have the opportunity to pursue liberty and happiness. But when we no longer experience awe at the sight of the bottomless sky, the yellow creeping into the walnut, the goldenrod glowing we need to reactivate our capacity to vividly experience the world.

A healthy imagination helps us to move into the kinetic dynamics of creation. Allowing the calculating mind to rest and reviving one's capacity to wonder, to wander, to wish upon a star, enriches our everyday. Arizona is in the process of opening a museum that explores the relationship between science and the power of imagination. Day and night dreaming blur the lines between fact and fiction. It's in that fuzzy place where you're not quite awake where some of the greatest truths lurk. Discovering them often requires a fluid way of perceiving; a capacity to not be stuck on fixed points. Being in the flow can rejuvenate the ability to see and know with a child's eyes. While adult eyes have great value, without the freshness of a baby's view our ability to discover solidifies. Our ability to be in discovery mode makes us ageless--able to span truth and fiction with a supple ease.

May there be moments this autumn that stretch you between the Oldest Being and the young throng.

*Michael*

### REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday,	October	2 -	3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	October	3 -	4:30 to 6:30 pm
Tuesday,	October	9 -	4 to 6 pm
Wednesday,	October	10 -	4:30 to 6:30 pm
Wednesday,	October	17 -	4:30 to 6:30 pm
Thursday,	October	18 -	4 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	October	23 -	3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	October	24 -	4:30 to 6:30 pm

Michael will attend a minister's retreat October 30 and 31. During office hours, contact Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. To arrange meetings, please call and leave a message or email [minister@uufm.net](mailto:minister@uufm.net)

### 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. Winding up over wide natural limestone steps, visitors may view native 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](mailto:barbaradhacker@yahoo.com)

### MINISTRY ASSESSMENT

The UUFM Committee on Ministry is carrying out a ministerial assessment. At this time we would like to invite anyone who wishes to offer input for the ministry assessment to send an email or a letter to one of our assessment team members. This is a chance to reflect on ministry in the Fellowship and to better understand what we expect from our minister and from each other. All comments will be handled confidentially. Send comments by Wed, October 17. Email Pat Embers, [embers1@cox.net](mailto:embers1@cox.net); Mark Moser, [mark@grapeviner.com](mailto:mark@grapeviner.com); Laura Bonella, [laurabonella@yahoo.com](mailto:laurabonella@yahoo.com); or Cathy Hedge, [cjhedgewriter@gmail.com](mailto:cjhedgewriter@gmail.com). Send postal letters to Pat Embers, 733 Galaxy Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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## RE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES !!!

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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 provided, and all volunteers will receive assistance with planning and in the classroom.

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 Parents Night Out session this year, please let Sandy know.

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

Small hands can leave a lot of stickiness and clutter in classrooms. Our janitor Troy is authorized for just 3 or 4 hours each week, and he simply doesn't have time to organize the RE rooms. Volunteers to assist with straightening and cleaning classrooms are always appreciated. Perhaps you and a group of friends might want to share this task.

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

## DRE SEARCH CONTINUES !

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The search for our next Director of Religious Education continues. Go to [www.uufm.net/2012/07/dre/](http://www.uufm.net/2012/07/dre/) to view the position description. Please spread the word to friends and colleagues. Learn more from Molly McGaughey at 776-4543 or molly\_mcgaughey@hotmail.com, Kathleen Tanona, and Nathan Albin, our DRE Search Committee.

## OCTOBER FAMILY FUN

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Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **OCTOBER 5** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. The theme is *Fall Fun For Everyone*, with fun, games, activities, and a movie--*The Incredibles!* Everyone is encouraged to wear his or her own superhero costume. A free-will donation of \$5 will help us defray costs.

We've been invited to join in trick or treating and a **HALLOWEEN PARADE AT MEADOWLARK Hills**, beginning at 5 pm, on Halloween, Wednesday, **OCTOBER 31**. This is an opportunity to brighten the lives of assisted living residents and introduce our children to the joy and wisdom of elders. Please let Sandy Nelson know if you will attend by Wednesday, October 24, so that we can provide Meadowlark staff with a headcount!



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 !

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*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

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



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

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The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Bring a desire for spirited conversation and a sack lunch for yourself. Learn more from Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, OCTOBER 10, at 11:30 am, at Baan Thai Restaurant, 1620 Ft Riley Blvd, near People's Grocery. 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, OCTOBER 12, 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. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The UUFM **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** gathers on Saturday, OCTOBER 13, at 6 pm, at the Ecumenical Campus Ministry, 1061 Denison Avenue, in Manhattan, for a Pagan Voices presentation. We meet at the Fellowship on Saturday, OCTOBER 27, for Samhain, beginning at 6 pm for snacks and discussion, followed by ritual around the fire circle, at 7 pm. Events are family-friendly, and open to all. Learn more from Sarah Burns at (218) 387-4273 or adelamae@gmail.com

**THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER** will be held on OCTOBER 18, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. If you can bring a dish to share, please do. If you aren't able to bring food, 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 **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, OCTOBER 31, at 7 pm, at the Hacker residence. We'll discuss *The Measure of a Nation*, by Howard Steven Friedman. Learn more from Monta Manney at 587-0634, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

On Saturday NOVEMBER 24, from noon to 1 pm, all are invited to join Ana Franklin in the Jupiter room (large RE classroom), for **THE YOGA TEACHINGS OF PATANJALI**. The class continues on the fourth Saturday of each month thru April 2013. Key points on the yoga philosophy will be presented for discussion, with very little "physical" practice. Hopefully, these informal talks will lead to a better understanding both for current practitioners and those who are just curious. Bring a light lunch. Learn more from Ana at 341-9908 or yogaconnection@gmail.com



### **UUFM FALL WORK DAY**

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Join us Saturday, **OCTOBER 13**, at 9 am, to enjoy the season and the satisfaction of a job well done, as we spruce up our Fellowship. This time around, there are only a few chores to complete on the grounds. Learn about planned projects from Sylvia Beeman, Grounds Committee chair, at 539-9369 or sbeewoman@hotmail.com. If you have noticed a need and would like to suggest a cleaning, organizing, or repair project, please let the appropriate committee chair know: Tom Manney, Building, 537-0624 or tmanney@ksu.edu; Barbara Hacker, Memorial Garden, 587-8002 or barbaradhacker@gmail.com; Mark Moser, Facilities, 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com; or Sylvia Beeman, (*see contact info above*).

### **OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

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Following our first highly successful Fellowship Dinner (formerly "Circle Dinners") in September, the second dinner of the fall will be on Friday, **OCTOBER 12**. Old and especially new members and friends are invited to join us for good food and convivial conversation. The host/hostess (TBA) is responsible for providing a place to eat and coordinating who brings what to these potluck dinners. Sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex (entry hall) at the Fellowship, or contact Jim Shanteau at 556-4891 or shanteauj@yahoo.com, or Anne Marchin at 539-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com

### **MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE**

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This month's service gathers Wednesday, **OCTOBER 24**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Watch Sunday morning bulletins and the email list for further topic description. Learn more from Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

### **UUFM SINGERS**

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The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday, **OCTOBER 14**, and again on **OCTOBER 21**, at 9:30 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more from UUFM music director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

### **ADULT SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION**

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## SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

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

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Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, OCTOBER 14, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **CRISIS CENTER**, serving victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Clay, Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, and Riley Counties since 1979.

*On September 9, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$362.50 to Sunflower CASA. 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*

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

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#### FACTS ABOUT IMMIGRATION -

- Due to processing backlogs and insufficient quotas, the wait for a visa to enter the US can be up to twenty years.
- The US detains over 280,000 people a year, at the annual cost of 1.2 billion dollars to taxpayers.
- In spite of the billions spent on fences, raids, patrols, and prisons, undocumented immigrants have increased since 1992 from 4 million to about 12 million.
- The number of working visas issued each year is only a fraction of the number of available, unfilled jobs for unskilled labor.
- The existence of large pool of undocumented workers, vulnerable to employer abuse, causes the wages of documented workers to be hurt as well.
- The vast majority of undocumented workers pay taxes, and are less likely than the general population to be involved in crime.
- Anti-immigrant rhetoric is tied to a 40% increase in hate crimes (from 2003 to 2007) directed against Hispanics and people perceived to be immigrants.

#### THE COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM, AMERICAN SECURITY AND PROSPERITY ACT (HR 4321)

- Provides pathways to legalization.
- Addresses both family and work visa backlogs
- Protects worker rights
- Oversees border security so that it is effective and accountable

The Comprehensive Immigration Reform, American Security and Prosperity Act (HR 4321) is supported by a broad coalition of civil rights, labor and religious groups, including the AFL-CIO, the SEIU, and the Interfaith Immigration Coalition.

### ***SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING***

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The Social Action Committee meets in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room at 5:30 pm, on Wednesday, OCTOBER 31. All interested members and friends are invited. Costumes are optional :) Learn more from Stacey Broughman at 410-9413 or socialaction@uufm.net

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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Our Facilities Committee is taking a bid for the installation of a **CEILING IN THE STAGE AREA** (new teen classroom) and a donation to cover the cost. We need a volunteer or two to help coordinate that effort. If you can assist, please contact Tom Manney, 537-0624 or tmanney@ksu.edu, or Mark Moser, 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.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, OCTOBER 5 and 19, 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

### ***MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER***

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



### ***FAIR TRADE COFFEE***

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Fair Trade ground, whole bean, 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

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This month's new member profile features **MARISA LARSON**, who has journeyed far from home and back again. Marisa is from Hiawatha, Kansas, the youngest of five children. Her father, a family physician, was often absent making free house calls. Her mother was their mainstay. She bought 80 acres so her children could learn the values of chores and nature. Their family hosted many exchange students who helped Marisa appreciate different cultures. This was a strong influence as she graduated from K-State with a degree in journalism and political science. After a stint as a TV reporter in Topeka, two years in Morocco in the Peace Corps, Marisa joined *National Geographic* as a Middle East specialist. After her son Jake was born, Marisa moved back to be near grandparents, "So he could have the childhood I had ... to play in the backyard, not drive to the park." Marisa came to UUFM for a sense of community and for her son. (Read more in her piece, "Thoughts From Marisa Larson," in our July 2012 newsletter) What you probably don't know about her is that for nine years, she was the quarterback of a co-ed football team in Washington, DC, (ask her about her nickname!) and has her black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Welcome to UUFM, Marisa!

Wedding bells are ringing. **THOMAS OLDFATHER**, son of **KATHLEEN** and **MICHAEL OLDFATHER** married Sarah Appelhans on September 22. Fellowship members **STACEY BROUGHMAN** and **TOM PHILLIPS** married on September 29. Best wishes to all.

And finally, longtime members **MAROLYN CALDWELL** and **STEVEN MULL** left to move to Geneva, New York, on September 28. Marolyn and Steve have made a big impact on UUFM during the last 10+ years they have lived in Manhattan. They have been very active in the Fellowship's music program. When asked about their departure, Michael Oldfather, Music Chair, said this, "It's unlikely that any two musicians will ever contribute as much to the congregation's music as Marolyn Caldwell and Steve Mull have ... excellent musicians, gifted collaborators, and generous souls. We'll miss them." Both Marolyn and Steven have served as Secretary on the Board. They may be best known for starting and hosting the Tuesday Wine & Cheese parties each week. They even made remodeling changes to their home to accommodate more people for the Wine & Cheese parties. Marolyn ran for City Commission. She also created and ran, with Steven's help, the Manhattan Mystery Conclave conference for 5 or 6 years. She served on several community boards. Steven has helped many Fellowship members with projects in their homes and has helped with the Fellowship garage sales many times. We wish Marolyn and Steven the best

on this new leg of their personal journeys, but it won't be same around here without them.

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

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

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~ This UU met his/her spouse in the San Francisco area, while they were both college undergraduates, but at different schools. They were married in the middle of the San Francisco Bay, on Treasure Island.

*Find the answer on page 8 of this newsletter.*

## GRINS AND GIGGLES

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WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A UNITARIAN WITH A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS?

*... Someone who knocks on doors for no apparent reason.*

WHY DON'T UU'S SING ALONG IN CHURCH?

*... They're too busy reading ahead to see if they agree with the lyrics.*

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

One hundred forty-four: *Seven to sit on the Board which appoints the Nominating Committee. Five to sit on the Nominating Committee, which appoints the Facilities Committee. Eight to sit on the Facilities Committee, which appoints The Light Bulb-Changing Committee. Four to sit on the Light Bulb-Changing Committee which chooses who will screw in the light bulb. Three of those four then give their own opinion of "screwing in methods" while the one actually does the installation.*

*After completion it takes 42 individuals to express concern over the method of installation, another 77 to debate the ecological impact of using the light bulb at all, and at least one to insist that back in her day the burning chalice was quite enough.*

None: *We accept the light bulb as it is ...*

*It's about 5 or 6, isn't it? Whatever a quorum is for the Executive Board. Well, and of course a couple members of the Building Committee to actually get the ladder and bulb and DO it ... and the chair of the committee to supervise ... oh, they can't come on Saturday? Well, how about Sunday just before the service ...*

Do you have a favorite UU joke?  
Send it to Susan at office@uufm.net!

## FORUM ON NON-VIOLENCE

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Pax Christi Salina, Pax Christi Lawrence, and the Kansas Non-Violence Network invite Fellowship members and friends to a Forum facilitated by Reverend Thea Nietfeld, focusing on engaging participants in dialogue and discussion of nonviolent strategies, sharing of resources, and brainstorming ways to promote peace and nonviolence.

The forum meets on Saturday, October 20, from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, in Manhattan. Lunch will be provided. A freewill donation is requested to help defray costs.

Contact Susan Turner, 537-3249 or office@uufm.net for a full-page brochure, or learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net.

The form below may be used for registration for this exciting opportunity. Registration deadline is October 15:



### REGISTRATION FORM

## **Forum on Non-Violence**

**October 20, 2012**

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
700 Poyntz Avenue  
Manhattan KS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Leo and Nancy Bistak**  
**3707 Hunters Hill Drive**  
**Lawrence KS 66049**

OR

E-mail to: **Nancy Bistak**  
[nancy.eab@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.eab@gmail.com)

**Please register by October 15**  
**so we can plan food and drink**

## ***SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES***

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Reverend Michael Nelson leads **DEEPENING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM**, a class in three sessions, following Sunday services in October. We begin on Sunday OCTOBER 7, at 12:15 pm, following the Sunday service, and continue on Sunday, October 14, and October 21. While the focus is for newer members and friends, everyone is welcome to join in. We will explore what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, and maybe we will find out! Learn more from Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

Michael Nelson facilitates a new RE class, **COMFORTABLE WITH UNCERTAINTY**, beginning Wednesday, OCTOBER 3, at 7 pm, and continuing on the first four Wednesdays of October, thru October 24. He reflects, "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." Books are available for purchase at the Fellowship. Please let us know if you will need childcare. Enrollment is limited to 10 people. Contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net to register.



REV THEA NIETFELD PRESENTS THE MORNING SERVICE AT UUFM ON FEBRUARY 14, 2010. DRAWING ON HER IN-DEPTH STUDY OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION, THEA WILL FACILITATE A FORUM ON NON-VIOLENCE, ON OCTOBER 22.



## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Oct 7: Cybil Perkins, Dave Lambert, and Sarah Hoyt
- Oct 14: Kristan Corwin, Brian Washburn, Marisa Larson, and Gene Sievers
- Oct 21: Ana Franklin, Ken and Pat Embers Jim Shanteau, and Christy Hazel
- Oct 28: Elke Lorenz, Sue Pray, Carolyn Ferguson, Mark Mayfield, and Pat Weisenburger

Coffee teams, please remember, drinks are now the only refreshment after service. The Social Committee hopes help keep our building clean, and provides more room and time for mingling. *Thank you all* for your time and voluntary contributions! Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

### WHO'S THE UU? see question on page 6 ...

~ In 1963, Jim Shanteau was an engineering student at San Jose State when he met his future wife, Doreen, a nursing student at the University of San Francisco. They were married three years later. Doreen became a Navy nurse, and Jim began graduate studies at UC La Jolla. They were married in the Navy church on Treasure Island because Doreen was a Navy officer.

### Administrator's Schedule

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

Monday, Oct	1 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Oct	2 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Oct	4 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Oct	8 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Oct	9 - 4 to 7 pm
Thursday, Oct	11 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Oct	15 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Oct	16 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Oct	18 - 4 to 9 pm
Thursday, Oct	25 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, Oct	27 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday, Oct	29 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Oct	30 - 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 regular 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.

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the November edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Monday, **OCTOBER 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

# OCTOBER 2012 at UUFM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 3 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM FINANCE MTG</b> Betty Banner, 776-1887 <i>SUKKOT - Jewish harvest festival - begins at sundown</i>	<b>2</b> 12 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> 3 TO 5 PM <b>MICHAEL NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM PROGRAMMING MTG</b> Dick Beeman, 539-9369	<b>3</b> 12 NOON <b>MEN'S LUNCH</b> Jupiter room 4:30 TO 6:30 PM <b>MICHAEL NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM COMFORT W/UNCERTAINTY</b>	<b>4</b> 12 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>ST FRANCIS DAY - Christian</i>	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church Jennifer Bryan, 537-0333 6:30 PM <b>PARENTS NIGHT OUT</b> Sandy Nelson, 341-0135	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ Rev Michael Nelson 12:15 PM <b>DEEPENING UUISM</b> M Nelson, 537-2349 <i>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</i> Christian	<b>8</b> 3 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>CANADIAN THANKSGIVING</i> Interfaith <i>SEMINI ATZERET - Jewish Prayers for rain</i>	<b>9</b> 4 TO 7 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> 4 TO 6 PM <b>MICHAEL NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM BOARD MEETING</b> Scott Tanona, 537-6208 <i>SIMCHAT TORAH - Jewish Reading of the Law</i>	<b>10</b> 12 NOON <b>MEN'S LUNCH</b> <b>11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH</b> <i>Baan Thai</i> 4:30 TO 6:30 PM M NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM COMFORT W/UNCERTAINTY</b>	<b>11</b> 12 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>12</b> 7 PM FELLOWSHIP DINNER Jim Shanteau, 537-0526 <b>7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE</b> Pat Embers, 539-2819 <i>GHAMBAR AYATHREM</i> Zoroastrian - harvest festival	<b>13</b> 9 AM FALL WORK DAY!!! Sylvia Beeman, 539-9369 6 PM PAGAN CIRCLE <i>Pagan Voices</i> ECM, 1026 Denison S Burns, (218) 387-4273
<b>14</b> 9:30 AM <b>UUFM SINGERS</b> <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> w/ Brice Hobrock <b>HELPING HANDS</b> The Crisis Center 12:15 PM <b>DEEPENING UUISM</b>	<b>15</b> 3 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>16</b> 12 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>NAVARATRI DUSSEKHA - Hindu harvest festival begins honors divine mother Shakti</i>	<b>17</b> 12 NOON <b>MEN'S LUNCH</b> Jupiter room 4:30 TO 6:30 PM <b>MICHAEL NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM COMFORT W/UNCERTAINTY</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30 PM TAI CHI <b>6 PM THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER</b> Inez Alsop room Susan Turner at 537-2349 <b>7:30 PM FILM SERIES</b> Diane Barker, 539-9163	<b>19</b> 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church Jennifer Bryan, 537-0333	<b>20</b> 10:30 AM <b>FORUM ON NON-VIOLENCE</b> 1st Congregational Church 700 Poyntz Avenue Anne Cowan, 537-2025 <i>BIRTH OF THE BAB - Baha'i</i> <i>INSTALLATION OF SCRIPTURE AS GURU GRANTH - Sikh</i>
<b>21</b> 9:30 AM <b>UUFM SINGERS</b> rehearse. Main Sanctuary <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> w/ Rev Michael Nelson 12:15 PM <b>DEEPENING UUISM</b> M Nelson, 537-2349	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 3 TO 5 PM <b>MICHAEL NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>LAST MINUTE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	<b>24</b> 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH - Jupiter room <b>3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE</b> K Oldfather, 537-3738 <b>4:30 TO 6:30 PM M NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM COMFORT W/UNCERTAINTY</b>	<b>25</b> 12 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 OCTOBER 24 <i>DASERA - Hindu Celebration of victory of good over evil</i>	<b>26</b> <i>WAQF AL ARAFA - Islam Prayers for forgiveness and mercy</i> <i>EID AL ADHA - Islam conclusion of the Hajj</i>	<b>27</b> 11 AM TO 6 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>6 PM PAGAN CIRCLE</b> <i>Samhain celebration</i> S Burns, (218) 387-4273
<b>28</b> 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE w/ Stephen Simmons <i>MILVIAN BRIDGE DAY - Christian Time of reflection on religion and civil government</i>	<b>29</b> 3 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <i>PAVARANA DAY - Buddhist End of rainy season, retreat for Buddhist monks</i>	<b>30</b> 12 TO 5 PM <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 OCTOBER 31 <i>ALL HALLOWS EVE - Christian HALLOWEEN - secular</i>	<b>31</b> 12 NOON <b>MEN'S LUNCH</b> <b>5 PM HALLOWEEN PARADE</b> Meadowlark Hills <b>5:30 PM SOCIAL ACTION</b> S Broughman, 410-9413 <b>7 PM BOOK DISCUSSION</b> Lorrie Cross, 539-7883			