



DECEMBER 2012 PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 2 "RESPONSIBILITY"

What responsibilities do we have to ourselves? To each other? To people we don't know? What responsibilities come with being a Unitarian Universalist? Should we be skeptical of the notion of responsibility, given puzzles of free will and choice? UUFM members will share reflections and readings about concepts of responsibility and the ethics of obligation, and will speak to how it matters in their lives. Contact/convener is Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net

DECEMBER 9 "DOING RIGHT IS A TRICKY PROPOSITION"

Reverend Michael Nelson muses, "No straight road runs through democracy. The process twists and turns; up and down. Lincoln believed that if you want to win a man to your cause you need to find a way into his heart through 'the great high road of reason.' Great gifts can come from the greatest darkness. How does our democratic faith offer its gifts? How do we share them?" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

DECEMBER 16 "MAKING MUSIC IN THE HEART"

Reverend Michael Nelson facilitates this service. He reflects, "The melodies and rhythms that bring cheer kindle warmth in the heart. When inner and world peace seem shaky we return to things like music, which restore balance and make us feel whole. Join us in celebrating music of the season and stories that convey joy to the world." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

DECEMBER 23 "A TIME FOR STORIES, A TIME FOR GENERATIONS"

Cathy Hedge brings an assortment of Winter, Holiday, and Christmas tales to share and asks friends and members gathered to remember our stories that bring us together around the fire. Contact Cathy at 537-1101 or cjhedgewriter@gmail.com

DECEMBER 30 "2012 LOSSES IN THE HUMAN FAMILY"

Several UUFM members take a look at the contributions of some of the interesting, famous, and not-so-famous people who died during the past year. Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

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HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE !!!



Our annual Bake and Craft Sale will be held Sunday, **DECEMBER 16**, before and after the service. Share your crafting, artistic or culinary talents. Baked goods and candies have been extremely popular in recent years, and there will be a silent auction for special items. Come find handcrafted gifts and festive treats for all your holiday needs! Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.



UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

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

*Cut loose, without devotion, a man becomes a comic.
His antics are passed*

*around the family table and mimicked so well, years
later the family still laughs.*

Without devotion, any life becomes a stranger's story ...

Marie Howe, in her poem *Without Devotion*, explores the emptiness that results from having nothing to believe in; lacking the meaning that connects a person to something valuable enough that it prompts them to give of themselves. Such lives are often desperate and angry.

"Unitarian Universalists are neither chosen people nor a people whose choices are made for them by theological authorities--- ancient or otherwise. We are a people who choose." Forrest Church believed that it is our human obligation to make



choices that expand and concentrate meaning in our daily lives. When we fail to heed the innate need for meaning, indifference holds sway and its cold winds buffet.

In the dark month of December it is important to bring light into our lives. Whether you celebrate the birth of love, its renewal, the winter solstice or find deep pleasure in building, tending and musing before a fire, it is a time to seek illumination. This month filled with festivities calls us to contemplate what brings us true worth and joy, what nurtures supple strength in the individual, families and our community.

What gifts are you willing to receive?

Many self-reliant people find it difficult to accept gestures of empathy or a compliment. They are deferred. UUs, independent minded people, tend to practice a modern version of stoicism, which tamps down the spirit. Public displays of heightened emotion, unless it comes from a child, are often found embarrassing. We prefer reason and people who measure and hide their feelings so that they do not stand out. This cautious approach to life tends to diffuse the bright light of joy. William Blake believed "joy and woe are woven fine." You can't have the heights without depth. The splendor of the stars relies on the darkness they are in.

This is the season to practice developing and honing your skills of being joyful. Opening the heart and focusing the mind on what is most important makes more room for joy, and joy needs lots of room. Stretching into risky territory can bring a new suppleness and appreciation, qualities I often find in toddlers who are not afraid of hugging and kissing. My 2 1/2 year old great nephew, Sam, loves to put his cheek against yours, to

feel the comfort of flesh touching flesh. He has no fear of expressing his need to be held and loved. He loves to kiss his 4 month old sister Norah as well as his great uncle. I am lucky to be blessed with such a true presence; its gift.

May we all rediscover the innocence that allows us to love freely. May the season bless us with its gifts of devotion. May there be less estrangement. May you know and share love,

Michael

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Monday,	December	3 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	December	4 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	December	11 -	4 to 6 pm
Wednesday,	December	12 -	2 to 4 pm
Tuesday,	December	18 -	3 to 5 pm
Friday,	December	21 -	3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	December	27 -	2 to 4 pm

On December 6, Michael will attend a UU Ministers' meeting in Kansas City. During office hours, contact him at the Fellowship at 537-2349. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email minister@uufm.net

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION / WELCOMING BRUNCH

There will be a special recognition for new Fellowship members during the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 9**. To become a Fellowship member, you must be at least 16 years old, in agreement with the 7 UU Principles, and commit to supporting the Fellowship financially and/or through attendance and volunteer action. If you are considering becoming a member, please talk to Welcoming Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Reverend Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

Prior to the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 9**, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room, the Welcoming and Social Committees host a Brunch for new friends and members. We welcome you and your family to attend if you are new to the Fellowship within the past year. If you have not already been contacted, please tell Shirley Hobrock, 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, that you plan to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES !!!

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 !

The search for our next Director of Religious Education continues. Go to 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.

DECEMBER FAMILY FUN

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **DECEMBER 7** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. A fantabulous night is planned with fun, games, and activities! A free-will donation of \$5 will help us defray costs.



We NEED some parent volunteers for the next few Parents' Nights Out. Can you help? Volunteers can choose the night they will be able to chaperone, and one time helpers are welcome. Talk to Sandy Nelson to learn more at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

DECEMBER RE THEME

December is Social Action month in RE. We'll begin with Guest at Your Table, then introduce our book project, and we'll round out the holidays with other projects to share with the whole Fellowship.

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 UUFM **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** gathers on Saturday, DECEMBER 1, at 6 pm, for a potluck meal and Full Moon ritual. We meet again at the Fellowship on Saturday, DECEMBER 22, for our Yule celebration, beginning at 6 pm with a potluck meal. Yule is one of the highlights of the Pagan year, and we look forward to sharing it with all. Events are family-friendly, and old sage or newly curious are welcome. Learn more from Sarah Burns at 428-2428 or flinthillspagans@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, DECEMBER 12, at 11:30 am, at the Happy Valley Restaurant, in the Blue Hills Shopping Center, on the corner of Kimball Avenue and Tuttle Creek Blvd. Join us 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, DECEMBER 14, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. UUFM members, friends, and the community, and those of all ages, experienced or beginners 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 **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, DECEMBER 26, at 7 pm. Watch weekly email announcements and Sunday morning order of service announcements for location and title. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

There will be no **THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER** in December, to allow members and friends more time for holiday activities. Please join us next month on JANUARY 17, when we resume this popular event with a new name: **CONNECTIONS DINNER!** Mark Moser continues to offer brief **TAI CHI**-based meditation sessions before dinner. Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

The **YOGA TEACHINGS OF PATANJALI**, which began on Saturday, November 24, will not meet in December. The class continues on the fourth Saturdays of January, February, and April 2013. Host Ana Franklin hopes these informal talks will lead to a better understanding both for current yoga practitioners and those who are just curious. This class does not involve any physical practice. Learn more from Ana at 341-9908 or yogaconnection@gmail.com

WELCOMING BRUNCH

At 9:30 am, prior to the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 9**, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room, our Welcoming and Social Committees will host a Brunch for new friends and members. We welcome you and your family to attend if you are new to the Fellowship within the past year. If you have not already been contacted, please let Shirley Hobrock know if you plan to attend at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net. Be sure to tell *us know if you or your family members have special dietary restrictions, or food sensitivities or allergies!*

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's service meets Wednesday, **DECEMBER 26**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Watch for weekly email announcements, and Sunday morning order of service announcements for program title and presenter. Learn more from Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday, **DECEMBER 9**, and **DECEMBER 16**, at 9:30 am, in the Main Sanctuary. An additional rehearsal is scheduled on Saturday, **DECEMBER 15**, from 1:30 to 3 pm. Learn more from vocal music director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu



UUFM HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Our annual Craft and Bake Sale will be held following the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 16**. Share your artistic and culinary talents whatever they may be. We'll have a silent auction for special items. Come find beautiful, hand-crafted gifts and scrumptious festive treats for your holiday gatherings. To learn how you can donate your crafts or baked goods, or to offer other assistance, ask Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Religious Education Committee needs parent volunteers to chaperone one or more **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** events. Help us continue to offer this popular activity, enjoyed by kids and adults. Talk to Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.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, DECEMBER 14 and 28, 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@violini.com

MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER

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



FAIR TRADE COFFEE

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.

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, DECEMBER 9, Helping Hands contributions will be collected to go holiday shopping for our adopted family from the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER** (MESI). This has been a much-loved tradition at the Fellowship for several years. Volunteers from the Social Action Committee will purchase toys and gifts, warm clothing, and other everyday needs for our adopted family.

On November 11, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$536 to the Flint Hills Human Rights Project (FHHRP). 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

SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES AT UUFM

The UUFM Social Action Committee welcomes new members and friends who want to become more involved in Social Justice initiatives at the Fellowship. Our Social Action Committee has many irons in the fire and works closely with local and regional non-profit organizations. Learn more at www.uufm.net/social-action/ or ask committee chair Stacey Broughman at 410-9413 or socialaction@uufm.net

KOINONIA PECANS

Koinonia is a cooperative Christian farm community founded in 1942. The birthplace of Habitat for Humanity, Fuller Center for Housing, and other ministries, Koinonia's mission is to offer opportunities to work for spiritual renewal and social justice by participation in projects fostering peace and reconciliation throughout the world.

Each year, as Koinonia Farm's pecan harvest comes in, Fellowship member Enell Foerster takes orders for those who wish to support the community. A variety of items are available including shelled pecan pieces, milk or dark chocolate pecan bark, pecan brittle, and nut breads and cakes. Contact Enell at 537-0977 or foerbande@gmail.com to learn more, and to place your order.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Fellowship Treasurer Betty Banner offers the following report: *To help members of the congregation have a better understanding of the Fellowship finances we are going to put in a brief summary report of the budget. We will include both the most recent past month and the year-to-date figures.*

UUFM FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to Date - June 1 thru October 31, 2012

Income = \$44,419.25
Expenses = \$44,390.31
Net income = \$28.94

October 2012

Income = \$5,352.34
Expenses = \$6,624.75
Net income = (\$1,272.41)

Learn more about UUFM finances from our Treasurer Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

THE SEASON OF GIVING

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported UUFM this past year with their time, talent, and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Learn more from Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com.

UU GRINS AND GIGGLES

An atheist was taking a long walk through the woods, breathlessly admiring all that evolution had created. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look, and saw a huge grizzly charge toward him. He ran as fast as he could up the path.

He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike.

At that instant the atheist cried out, "Oh my God! ..."

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky. "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist, and credit creation to a cosmic accident. And now you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps could you make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well," said the voice. The light went out. And the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear dropped his right paw ... brought both paws together and bowed his head and spoke, "Lord, for this food which I am about to receive, I am truly thankful."

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

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR - SCOTT TANONA, NOVEMBER 24, 2012

As we head into the December holiday season, I'm thinking of the gifts we have to offer to each other, to those who are looking for a religious home, and to the community at large. The holiday season is an excellent time to reflect on values. We at UUFM are in a continued, gradual process of examining our values and looking forward to establishing a common vision for the future. What do we care most about? How much do we value the gifts we can offer to others?

Community is an often-mentioned value in our fellowship. We value the community we have, but we also care about extending it to others. I see a lot happening at the fellowship that is aimed at helping us serve more people, and helping us serve them better. I see people working on membership doing this by helping people new to the fellowship connect with others through regular events. I see people working on communications doing this by looking for ways to better communicate what we have to offer through the internet and social media. I see us doing this with our continued commitment to an RE program that matters in the lives of children, and our continued search for a DRE.

These are just a few ways among many in which we are working to provide the gift of fellowship to others. How are you helping this happen? Share what you are doing with others and help motivate each other. Let us all help UUFM serve the needs of a range of people: those who are already a part of it, those who have found it but have not yet made it their community, and those who are still looking, even if they don't know it yet.

Peace & Love, *Scott*

CARING OPPORTUNITIES

Our Caring Committee reminds all of us to remember our friends and members who are confined at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, during the holiday season. If you have time to send a card or visit, it would be appreciated and enjoyed by you and them.

Phoebe Samelson, Lyle House #160, 539-8809

Franz Samelson, Miller Place #143, 539-2978

Jim Mitchell, Sloan House,

Tom Page, Sloan House

Jean Davis, Collins Landing

Don Davis, Apt 126, 323-0229

Mail cards and notes to the above at 2121 Meadowlark Road 66502. Learn more about this opportunity to give from Caring Committee chair Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com

\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM

Purchase a UUFM reloadable plastic gift card in the Fellowship's narthex any Sunday morning for \$5. Cards are available for Dillon's, Ray's, and Hy-Vee. Use your card just like cash for groceries, gas, pharmacy, etc. Dillon's cards may be re-charged up to \$500 at your favorite Dillons checkout stand.

UUFM receives a 5% rebate on all covered purchases!! *Buy cards as gifts for friends or family.* Reloaded amounts will continue to benefit UUFM! Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com



SCOTT TANONA
SHARES DISCUSSION
WITH RE STUDENTS.

NEW WEEKLY EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

In October, our Communications Committee began a new initiative, focused on providing easily accessible, up-to-date information to interested members and friends. If you are not receiving email updates each week on Tuesday, and would like to be kept informed of Fellowship activities, please email us at office@uufm.net, and we'll add you to our list. If you are receiving the announcements, and would rather not, just click the unsubscribe link at the bottom of any weekly announcement message, or email us at office@uufm.net, and ask to be removed from this mailing. The Committee welcomes your thoughts, comments, and contributions in all areas of Fellowship communication. Learn more from Dan Swenson at web@uufm.net

NEED A RIDE TO THE FELLOWSHIP ?

The Caring Committee has organized a group of volunteer drivers to help folks get to Sunday morning services. If you need a ride, please contact Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Dec 2: Mike and Laura Bonella, Kim Belanger, and Jane Pelletier
- Dec 9: June and Charley Kempthorne, Amy Hilgendorf, and Anne Cowan
- Dec 16: **CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**
Finance Committee
- Dec 23: Barbara Hacker, Terri Franz, Sam Lacy, and Gwen Geiselman
- Dec 30: **BRING HOLIDAY TREATS ...**
Potluck refreshments

Coffee teams, please remember, drinks are now the only refreshment after service. The Social Committee hopes this will help keep our building clean, and provide more room and time for mingling.

Serving on a Coffee and Greeting team is an easy way to give to the Fellowship, with a minimal investment of your time--just three or four Sundays each year. *Thank you all* for your time and voluntary contributions! Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

Administrator's Schedule

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

- Monday, Dec 3 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Dec 4 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Dec 6 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Dec 10 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Dec 11 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, Dec 13 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Dec 17 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Dec 18 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Dec 20 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Dec 27 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, Dec 29 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, Dec 31 - 3 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.

Consider the convenience of **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 need a ride or 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.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the January 2013 edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Saturday, **DECEMBER 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

Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<u>25</u> <u>Thankfulness</u> 10:45-11:45 am <u>Stone Soup Pottluck</u> 12:15-2:00 pm	<u>26</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>27</u> <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:30 pm <u>Communications mtg</u> 5:30-7:30 pm	<u>28</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Michael Nelson</u> 12:00-2:00 pm <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:15 pm <u>Book Discussion</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	<u>29</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm	<u>30</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am	<u>1</u> <u>Pagan Circle</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	
<u>2</u> <u>Responsibility</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	<u>3</u> <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>4</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Finance Committee mtg</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>5</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm	<u>6</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm	<u>7</u> <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	<u>8</u>	
<u>9</u> <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:20 am <u>Welcome Brunch</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Doing Right ...</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	<u>10</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>11</u> <u>Michael Nelson</u> 4:00-6:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-7:00 pm <u>Board Mtg</u> 7:00-8:45 pm	<u>12</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Michael Nelson</u> 2:00-4:00 pm	<u>13</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm	<u>14</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	<u>15</u> <u>Singers rehearse</u> 1:30-3:00 pm	
<u>16</u> <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:20 am <u>Craft and Bake Sale</u> 9:30-2:00 pm <u>Music in the Heart</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Craft and Bake Sale</u> 12:15-2:00 pm	<u>17</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>18</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>19</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm	<u>20</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm	<u>21</u> <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>22</u> <u>Pagan Circle YULE</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	
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