



JANUARY 2013 PROGRAMS

JANUARY 6 "A NEW YEAR AND MANY NEW BEGINNINGS"

Join Cathy Hedge, Dylan Lambert-Perkins, and other Fellowship members as we share our dreams and thanksgivings for a fresh start in 2013. *Happy New Year!* Contact Cathy at cjhedgewriter@gamil.com or 537-1101.

JANUARY 13 "INSECT THEOLOGY"

Fellowship members Charley Kempthorne and Dick Beeman take a fly's-eye-view of poetry, religion and morals. They will give readings of insect-inspired poetry, and consider whether humans can derive any lessons from a study of insect behavior. Contact Dick 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net

JANUARY 20 "THE IMMENSE SILENCE"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "Thomas Jefferson believed that slavery violated human nature's most *sacred rights of life & liberties*. What made him unable to practice what he preached? What stifles our ability to live out our progressive values? We celebrate Martin Luther King Junior's life of service so that we may." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

JANUARY 27 "THE INTRINSIC VALUE AND SPIRITUAL WEIGHT OF CREATIVITY"

K-State ceramics faculty Dylan Beck and Amy Santoferraro will share how they engage in the creative process. They talk about how they work with material substances and processes to draw attention to often overlooked yet ubiquitous issues, and will speak about why they make their art--not only because it is personally rewarding, but also for its larger social implications. Contact/convener is Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net

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CHILI FIESTA !!!



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**UUFM is a
 WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

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

Learn and obey the rules very well, so you will know how to break them properly.

... Dalai Lama

What will call the promise of living meaningful lives into this new year? What will bring us into wider dimensions of spiritual authenticity? The willingness to expand beyond the strictures



and structures of the way we always do things bears new possibilities and life. Living in awe before mystery, beauty, death and birth helps us to love more deeply. Our dissatisfactions become more pliable and can turn into satisfaction with less fuss, less fear, less fighting. Being in a state of

readiness, a willingness to appreciate the process as it evolves, instead of being fixated on outcome, energizes. We still need goals, but ones fluid enough to let patterns evolve with unexpected grace.

A friend of mine, who is half Native-American and half Norwegian, believes technique is important, but essence is more important. She knows that some Native-American ceremonies performed with technical accuracy sometimes lack heart. The ceremony is done right, but the reason for its existence is lost. You can find this absence in painting, music, poetry, and in people's homes. The crafting may be exquisite, but lacks life.

A painting or poem can magnetize by subverting the rules. The deft use of black can move the eye forward instead of into shadow. A sudden shift in meter or syntax can break a poem into an unanticipated brightness. The right dose of experimentation animates. If we always do everything in the same order, using the same ingredients, we end up with the same old meal. Hitler walked his dog the same time everyday and believed that one needed an ice-cold heart to accomplish big goals. He surrounded himself with heartless people dedicated to monoculture.

Balancing improvisation with technique invites play. Without the quality of play--and I don't know what will happen, but exploration is fun attitude--life becomes rigid. When we risk being silly, everything can loosen. Cheer enters. The heart opens. When we insist on a prescribed formality, the cudgel of drudgery swings with its killing power. But without structure or expertise our creative efforts may result in chaos.

Compare the Dali Lama and Hitler. Compassion widens the heart's capacity to experience pain and joy or the brutal end-

game of an icy heart. One opens to the complexity of life giving options, the other contracts into a life negating rules. Addiction to perfection can kill the spirit. Yet we expect the laser surgeon to practice precision, and the concert pianist to play the right note. The best surgeons use dexterity and quickly adapt to the unexpected. A great performer finds something new in what they know in minute detail; always bringing in new life.

Rumi wrote, *Your depression is connected to your insolence and refusal to praise.* Let us be thankful for the new year and respect innovation,

Michael

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Thursday, January	3 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, January	8 - 4 to 6 pm
Wednesday, January	9 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday, January	16 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday, January	17 - 4 to 7 pm
Tuesday, January	22 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday, January	23 - 12 to 2 pm
Wednesday, January	30 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday, January	31 - 3 to 5 pm

During office hours, contact Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email minister@uufm.net

YOGA DISCUSSION

On Saturday January 26, from noon to 1 pm, all are invited to join Ana Franklin in the Fellowship's Jupiter room (large RE classroom), for a class exploring **THE YOGA TEACHINGS OF PATANJALI**. Classes continue on the fourth Saturday of February and April. This is primarily a discussion, and no physical participation is required. Ana hopes 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

INTERIM DRE APPOINTED



At the December Board meeting, the UUFM Executive Board approved a plan presented by the DRE Search Committee recommending the hiring of long-time Religious Education volunteer Sandy Nelson to fill the vacant Director of Religious Education post on an interim basis. We welcome Sandy's continuing contributions to, and support of, our Youth Religious Education program. Sandy will be available in the Fellowship office Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, or by appointment.

The search for a permanent DRE will continue. View the position description at www.uufm.net/2012/07/dre/.

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. All volunteers will receive assistance and guidance 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.

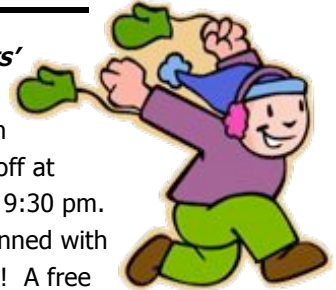
We also need adult helpers to assist teachers and students in the classrooms. All Fellowship members, from young adults to grandparents, are invited to get involved with our kids.

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.

JANUARY FAMILY FUN

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **JANUARY 4** 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/child will help us defray costs.



We NEED parent volunteers to make Parent's Night Out possible. Can you help? Volunteers may choose the night they will be able to chaperon, and one time helpers are welcome. Talk to Sandy Nelson to learn more at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

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, JANUARY 5, for a 2013 New Year Kick-Off Party--an evening of food, games, and fun for Pagan-friendly folks of all ages. We meet again at the Fellowship on Saturday, JANUARY 26, for a full moon ritual led by Stephanie Van Winkle. Pagan Circle events begin at 6 pm, with a potluck meal. Events are family-friendly, and old sage or newly curious are invited. Learn more from Sarah Burns at 428-2428 or flinthillspagans@gmail.com

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, JANUARY 9, at 11:30 am, at the Longhorn Steakhouse, 505 Tuttle Creek Boulevard, in Manhattan. 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, JANUARY 11, 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

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER will be held on JANUARY 17, 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

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The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, JANUARY 30, at 7 pm, at the Maata residence. The title selected for discussion is *A Walk in the Woods*, by Bill Bryson. Learn more from Meliz Maata, 776-7534 or hearingmatters@gmail.com, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net



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JANUARY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our popular Fellowship dinners continue in this month on Friday, **JANUARY 11**. Old and especially new members and friends are invited to join us for good food and convivial conversation. This month's host, Jim Shanteau, will provide a place to eat and coordinate who brings what to the potluck dinner. Sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex at the Fellowship, or contact Jim at 556-4891 or shanteaujames@gmail.com or Anne Marchin at 539-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's service gathers Wednesday, **JANUARY 23**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Dick Cattell will lead the service. Learn more from Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

UUFM SINGERS NOTES

On Sunday, March 3, the Fellowship hosts a concert featuring our choir and the First Congregational Church's choir. With the assistance of Slawomir Dobrzanski's student, Renea Hawley, who will fill in while he is on sabbatical, we will be busy the next few weeks preparing to perform 12 pieces. Proceeds from the concert will support the Flint Hills Community Clinic.

The Singers rehearse this month on Sunday, **JANUARY 13, 20, and 27**, at 9 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more from Music Committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Following the last snowstorm, there was only one volunteer to clear all the sidewalks and steps around the Fellowship. If you are physically able, we need **SNOW SHOVELERS** who can come following a storm to help. With just a few volunteers, we'll get the walkways cleared in no time. Contact Mark Moser at mark@grapeviner.com or 537-5028, to learn more, or offer your help.

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, JANUARY 11 and 25, 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

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, and purchase Fair Trade products, ask Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net, or talk to Anne on Sunday mornings at the Fair Trade display located 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, JANUARY 13, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **UFM YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**. At a recent Manhattan City Commission work session, our Fellowship was recognized as the only major supporter of this program, other than the city. Learn more about UFM's widely varied community learning opportunities at www.tryufm.org.

On December 9, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$550, allowing us to purchase holiday gifts for families at the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. RE students and volunteers who helped shop for gifts included Sandy Nelson, Lily Colburn, Jocelyn and Aimee Fowler, and Rose, Ronan, Maeve, and Scott Tanona. 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 meets on Wednesday, **JANUARY 9**, at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. The 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 talk to committee chair Stacey Broughman at 410-9413 or socialaction@uufm.net

MULTI-CONGREGATIONAL IMMIGRATION REFORM

The first ever multi-congregational meeting for those interested in immigration issues and reform took place on December 2, 2012. This meeting was initiated and facilitated by our UUFM Social Action Committee. Those in attendance were all in favor of a second meeting to formalize as a group to address issues of immigration injustice in our community. Attendees included representatives from the Mennonite, Jewish, Catholic, Methodist, and Unitarian congregations, MAPJ, and USD 383. Each person there agreed to invite at least one other person to the next meeting. The next meeting will be on **JANUARY 13**, at 2pm, in the Manhattan Public Library in the auditorium. Those interested in immigration issues in our community are invited to attend.

JANUARY 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 providing a brief monthly 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 November 30, 2012

Income = \$50,337.28
Expenses = \$52,128.77
Net income = **(\$1,791.49)**

November 2012

Income = \$5,918.03
Expenses = \$7,738.46
Net income = **(\$1,820.43)**

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

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Our annual Fellowship Holiday Crafts and Bake sale, held on December 16, was a tremendous success. We generated over \$1,400 benefiting the Fellowship's General Operations Fund. We offer a huge thank you to Kathleen Oldfather and Elke Lorenz for coordinating this fun event. And THANK YOU to everyone who brought items for sale, and to those who made holiday purchases.

\$SHOP \$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 recharged 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

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A UNIVERSALIST AND A UNITARIAN?

Universalists think God is too good to send them to hell. Unitarians think they are too good for God to send them to hell.

A UU family moves into a new neighborhood. Their little girl finds a new playmate, and they are happily getting to know each other. One day, the playmate says, "We're Episcopalians, what are you?" The UU child thinks for a minute and says, "I'm not sure ... I think we're League of Women Voters."

A little Unitarian Universalist girl was sitting on the curb in front of her house with a sad look on her face. An older lady happened upon her and asked her why she looked so sad. The girl replied, "My kitty cat died."

The woman, trying to be helpful, said to the little girl, "I know you're sad, but right now your kitty cat is with Jesus."

The girl crinkled her nose for a second and replied, "What would Jesus want with a dead cat?"

The Kindergarten RE class was discussing "prayer," and the children seemed aware that the way you end a prayer was with "amen." "Does anyone know what amen means?" the teacher asked. There was a long silence. Then one little boy piped up with appropriate, computer-age gestures, and said, "Well, I think it means, like, "send."

(from the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico)

Jesus said to them, "Who do you say that I am?" The Unitarian Universalist Christian replied, "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being, the kerygma of which we find the ultimate meaning in our interpersonal relationships." And Jesus said "... What?"

Do you have a favorite UU joke?
Send it to Susan at office@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

This year I am looking forward to our continued growth in a number of areas, and expect to see us better able to express and to work towards a common vision. We will be continuing the values discussions we have been having since our consultant visited last spring, as they are an important way for us to understand better what we each want out of the Fellowship and how we can better serve others. While there have been many values-laden discussions in services, many of us still haven't taken part in an explicit small group sharing of values—that's OK, but we want as many people to have talked about what they really care about (including with others you don't talk with regularly) so that we can better express a common vision for the Fellowship.

This year we will be combining further values discussions with an altered stewardship campaign, as recommended by the consultant. Stewardship is not just about money, and the stewardship campaign will not be just a pledge drive. We will be encouraging one-on-one conversations, but not primarily to ask for money. I invite you all to think about stewardship visits not in monetary terms--in fact, you should be expecting these visits even before the budget is decided--but rather think of these as chances for us all to visit about the meaning of the Fellowship in our lives and to discuss what we value about the Fellowship and how we would each like to see those values expressed in the future. Please keep an eye out for more news about stewardship soon.

To try to better reflect the values of the Fellowship, the board is supporting several other efforts in the Fellowship that will involve some adjustments of standard procedures. Among these: the Communications Committee is working on finding new ways, along with the web site, of keeping us all in touch (you may have noticed the weekly email notices Susan is sending out about upcoming events); we are continuing the search for a permanent DRE, but will be hiring a temporary RE coordinator/director in the meantime (you may have already heard that Sandy Nelson will be officially serving in this interim position starting January 1!); how we handle our endowment is getting a fresh look, precipitated partly by the addition of new gifts; and we are looking anew at how we track budget expenses, who has responsibilities for budget lines, and how we can best accommodate unanticipated expenses.

About the endowment: Jeune and Phil Kirmsers were very generous to the Fellowship in their wills, and we are blessed to now have an endowment that is more than five times larger than it was in the beginning of the year. I am inspired by their generosity, grateful for the increased financial security a growing endowment will provide, and looking forward to the Fellowship providing more people with the sort of meaningful community the Kirmsers fostered.

Scott

ALL ABOUT US

Please welcome our new member **TAYLOR BACHMAN** to the Fellowship. Taylor is originally from Fort Lauderdale and came to us via Denver, Colorado.

He joins us with **RITA** and their sons, **CARTER** and **TUCKER**. Taylor received his degree in business management from Florida State University and works in Land Development for Picerne Housing at Ft Riley. He especially likes creating parks and playgrounds. Usually, his boys are the first to play on them. He loves to see the families at the parks. That is why he joined us, because there is so much community. When I asked Taylor what he'd most like us to know about him, he said, "My family always comes first." Welcome, Taylor. We are glad you, Rita, and your sons are here.

XAVIER William Edward Castleberg Vennum was born at 9:45 pm on November 30. He weighed in at 7 lb 14 oz and measured 21 inches. His parents are **AMBER** and **DREW VENNUM**. Papa, Mama and baby are doing great. We look forward to watching him become the person he was born to be.

CHRISTY HAZEL recently graduated from Barton County Community College with AAS Technical Accounting and AAS Business Management and Leadership degrees. She took classes both online and at the satellite campus on base, while home schooling her son, Connor. She graduated with highest honors and became a member of both Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. **CONNOR** returned to public school this year and is in the fourth grade. He recently performed in a play put on by an afterschool club. Christy, Connor, and Carl will be moving to Fort Lewis in Olympia, Washington, this summer, bringing them closer to their families

CYBIL PERKINS and **TOM PHILLIPS** performed in the production "Harmony for the Holidays," a concert featuring the Little Apple Chorus of Manhattan and the Wamego Dutch Mill Sweet Adeline Chorus, at McCain Auditorium.

MICHAELA SIEVERS has been very active at Wamego High the last two months. She performed in *The Outsiders*, in November. In early December she performed with the Honors Choir, High School Choir, a flute solo with the choir, and played with the High School Band--all in one evening. Michaela is a senior at Wamego High School.

NATE THOMPSON-WEAVER, son of **LARRY WEAVER** and **GABRIELLE THOMPSON**, graduates from KSU this month. He presented his BFA Thesis Exhibition recently at KSU's Mark A Chapman Gallery.



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Jan 6: Harriette Janke, Ruth Friedmann, Stacey Broughman, Tom Phillips
 Jan 13: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster, Kelly Neel, Dan Marcus, Wayne Clark
 Jan 20: Abigail Conrad, Judy Exdell, Diane Barker, Gail Ragan
 Jan 27: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Meliz Maata

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

- Thursday, Jan 3 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Jan 7 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Jan 8 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, Jan 10 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Jan 14 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Jan 15 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Jan 17 - 4 to 9 pm
- Thursday, Jan 24 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, Jan 26 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, Jan 28 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Jan 29 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Jan 31 - 12 to 5 pm

Call Susan at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at other times by email at office@uufm.net

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net to **UPDATE YOUR MAILING, PHONE, or EMAIL** information, or to **CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** to this newsletter. Members and friends may also reach Susan during her posted office hours (*seen at bottom left*) at 537-2349.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, please ask our Welcoming and Membership Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net, for information and assistance.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost. *UU World* is available on audiotape for those with visual or reading difficulties. Subscribe by contacting Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Read *UU World* online at www.uuworld.org

Join in discussions of interest, receive information on community events, and last minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

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.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the February edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Friday, **FEBRUARY 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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30 <u>Losses in 2012</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	31 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	1	2 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm	3 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	4 <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	5 <u>Pagan Circle - New Year's</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
6 <u>New Year ... New Beginnings</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	7 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	8 <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Rev 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	9 <u>Women's Lunch</u> 11:30-1:00 pm <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Social Action mtg</u> 5:30-7:00 pm	10 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	11 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am <u>Fellowship Dinner</u> 6:00-10:00 pm <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	12	
13 <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>Insect Theology</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Immigration Issues mtg</u> 2:00-4:00 pm	14 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	15 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	16 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	17 <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 4:00-7:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-9:00 pm <u>Tai Chi</u> 5:30-6:00 pm <u>3rd Thursday Supper</u> 6:00-8:30 pm	18	19	
20 <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>The Immense Silence</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	21	22 <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Communications mtg</u> 6:00-8:00 pm	23 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 12:00-2:00 pm <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:15 pm	24 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	25 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am	26 <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm <u>Teachings of Patanjali</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Pagan Circle</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
27 <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>Value ... and Weight ... of Creativity</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	28 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	29 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	30 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Book Discussion</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	31 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	1	2	

Please contact Sue Turner (office@uufm.net) or Dan Swenson (web@uufm.net) to have an event added to the calendar.