



FEBRUARY 2013 PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 3 "THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SPARK: COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ART"

Charles Exdell shares his experiences as a traveler, photography teacher, and community leader in Bahia, Brazil. He focuses on the central role of culture in Brazil's new developmental model, and the social challenges facing North-eastern Brazil--the country's poorest region. He examines the positive impact art has had in the lives of youth and shows recently published photographs that were taken by his students. Contact/convener is Dick Beeman at 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net.

FEBRUARY 10 "MOVING FORWARD"

Rev Michael Nelson reflects, "Our UU Fellowship is a vibrant mix of long time members, young families, humanists and spiritual believers. We want to expand our reach. Achieving progress requires a commitment of resources and strategic planning; a vision which unites and ignites us to illumine the values that bring mercy, hope and charity to all people will help us to see the way." Contact Michael 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

FEBRUARY 17 "FROM THE DREAMS OF YOUTHFUL VISION COMES A NEW, PROPHETIC VOICE ..."

Lane Campbell, UU ministerial candidate and Chaplain Resident at University of Kansas Hospital, joins us. Lane reflects, "Our Unitarian Universalist faith invites us to embrace a vision of equality. Our Welcoming Congregations encourage us to be more welcoming and open to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people. Our youth often provide us with a prophetic vision of what it means to live out UU principles and values by using hands and feet to express a commitment to our faith." Michael Nelson convenes. Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

FEBRUARY 24 "THE GREATER VEHICLE"

Practicing loving kindness leads us into greater fellowship with all human beings. Learning to deal with uncertainty illuminates dark places and helps us to experience compassion for ourselves and others. This work allows our basic goodness to open ourselves up to the expansive possibilities of Unitarian Universalist's vision of universal love. Join Rev Nelson and members of the adult study group who examined Pema Chodron's *Comfortable with Uncertainty*. Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

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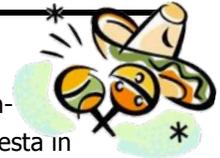
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CHILI FIESTA !!!

The UUFM Social Committee hosts a Chili Fiesta in February. This will be a chili tasting party with loads of fun for the whole family. We encourage everyone to invite guests. Those who provide a pot of chili for the tasting competition may attend this event for free. Contact Elke Lorenz, 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net for reservations, or to volunteer your special chili creation. Learn more on page 4 of this newsletter



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

Sycamores rise as queens of the creek. Their roots swirl in and out of the bank in a massive tangle. They create a city of crevices and knobs, which hold the colossal trunks that rise high into the sky. The crown shimmers a red-singed silver just before the sun sets. From their low reach to their tippity-top they beguile. In mist or snowfall they float.



Walking as Poppy raced along the creek I noticed a lump of bone and fur. Ah, an owl pellet. Wrapped in-

side the fur was the cracked skull of a pack rat. I looked up into the oaks and hackberries for a nest but couldn't see one. As I approached one of the four Queens, who reign over this section of the creek, I saw a mound of twigs in a lofty hollow. This red-tailed hawk nest might have been pilfered by a barred owl. These big owls don't bother constructing their own. Its current resident might also be a great horned owl. Barred owls argue over power and territorial rights. Their battle cries crisscross the meadow with a pitched fierceness that sends a chill up the spine. On summer nights the barred owl, big horned owl and the screech owl mix their voices with the crickets. In February the big horned and the barred owls, who mate for life, lay two to three eggs. The nests of barred owls are often found in the cavities of trees so I imagine it is a pair of big horned owls who have claimed this nest in this sycamore notch. The pellet suggests a big owl.

Pack rats are cute. They don't have the menacing visage of a city rat, but don't be fooled; they'll chew through a truck's brake line in a heartbeat. Leaving a car outdoors invites mayhem. Mice scurry to build nests in the engine, chew off wires and pack rats will line their homes with car parts.

People wonder if we get bored in our little valley of the Flint Hills. Of course we do, but it is also very good not to have 1001 distractions pecking at our souls. Yes, there still is the TV and its satellite dish, the internet, books, the phone, and we can always get in the car or truck and take off if 5 foot snow drifts don't block our exit. Last summer we enjoyed the rich cultural offerings of Montreal and New York City. We feasted on art, five course dinners and pizza. We sometimes mused about what it would be like to live in a progressive, multi-cultural, artistic wonderland. Temptations nudged.

Some of the stone houses in this area have sycamore wood for baseboards, ledges and trim. Most of the hand-hewn beams in the barn we replaced this summer were sycamore. They must have come from the creek. I love how the stone walls in our kitchen speak a language 300,000 years old as I sauté poblano peppers from the garden, bringing the fire of summer into a winter dish. The water we drink fell as rain and snow on our tin roof held in a 1700-gallon tank in the garage. Our lives are intimately linked to the earth under our feet, the sky above, the wind that moves through the bluestem and the fire in our stove. The bountiful stimulus of NYC rivets me in time. The towering beauty of a sycamore extends me into timelessness and it's here I know myself best in the scheme of things.

How do you know yourself best?

Michael

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday,	February	5 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	February	6 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	February	12 - 4 to 7 pm
Wednesday,	February	13 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	February	20 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	February	21 - 4 to 7 pm
Tuesday,	February	26 - 2 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	February	27 - 12 to 2 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

DEEPENING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF UUISM

Reverend Michael Nelson leads Deepening Your Understanding of Unitarian Universalism, a class in three sessions, following Sunday services in February. We begin on Sunday, FEBRUARY 10, at 12:15 pm, following the Sunday service, and continue on Sunday, FEBRUARY 17, and FEBRUARY 24. While the focus is for newer members and friends, everyone is welcome to join in. *If you'll require childcare during the classes, please let us know.* Contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net to register.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

BE THE GOOD

**BELIEVE
THERE IS
GOOD IN
THE WORLD**

Several weeks ago children came home with information about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Guest at Your Table program. *It's time to turn in your coins.* We're going to finish our collection on

FEBRUARY 3 and combine it with a "Souper Bowl" canned food drive that benefits the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Bring in your coins, and bring in nonperishable foods for the Breadbasket. Learn more about Guest at Your Table at www.uusc.org/guest.

FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The winter cold is still with us, but our children continue to drink in the warmth of the seven Unitarian Universalist principles. This month, religious education classes focus on Principle 5, *All people have a say*. Kindergarten-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grade classes explore the democratic process through discussion, games, and activities. Children in the Preschool class explore the world around them with the *Celebrating Me and My World* curriculum. Infants and toddlers are going to have lots of story books and playtime.

RE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!!

Adult volunteers 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. Or, consider becoming a 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 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 sandalounelson@yahoo.com, to learn more about ways you can support our youth Religious Education programs, or to offer suggestions and ideas of your own.

FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On **FEBRUARY 1** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. It's February so the theme is Valentines! We'll make cards, decorate cookies, play games, and watch the movie *Enchanted*. Mark your calendars! Suggested contribution is \$5 per child, to help cover expenses. Hope to see you there!

We're having a **(CUP)CAKE WALK** during the Chili Fiesta on February 9, and *we need volunteers to bake cupcakes*. If you can contribute a dozen (or so) cupcakes for the event, please contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandalounelson@yahoo.com. Learn more about our family-friendly Chili Fiesta on page 4 of this newsletter.



Learn more about all youth and family activities at the Fellowship from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandalounelson@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, FEBRUARY 2, for an Imbolc ritual. We meet again at the Fellowship on Saturday, FEBRUARY 23, for a full moon ritual. Pagan Circle events begin at 6 pm, with a potluck meal. Events are family-friendly, and old sage or newly curious are welcome and invited. 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 UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, FEBRUARY 8, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. UUFM members, friends, and the community, those of all ages, and experienced or beginning drummers are welcome. Bring your own rhythm instrument or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, FEBRUARY 13, at 11:30 am, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 410 South 3rd Street, 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@cox.net

CONNECTIONS DINNER (formerly Third Thursday Supper) will be held FEBRUARY 21, 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

On Saturday, FEBRUARY 23, from noon to 1 pm, all are invited to join Ana Franklin in her Yoga Connections studio, 321 Poyntz, Suite A, to explore **THE YOGA TEACHINGS OF PATANJALI**. This is primarily a discussion, and no physical participation is required. Learn more from Ana at 341-9908 or yogaconnection@gmail.com

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 27, at 7 pm, at the Janke residence. We'll discuss *What is the Matter with Kansas*, by Thomas Frank. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.net, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

UUFM CHILI FIESTA !!!



The UUFM Social Committee requests the pleasure of your presence on Saturday, **FEBRUARY 9**, at 6 pm, at the Fellowship, for our Chili Fiesta Tasting Event. Come dressed for the occasion in your fiesta finery, if you'd like, and sample a variety of Chili recipes including vegetarian, meat, red, white, and gluten free, accompanied by chips and salsa, salad, beverages, and desserts. Beer, sangria, and margaritas will be available at an additional charge. The chili has been donated by many of our Fellowship chefs, and *we still have room for more volunteer chili chefs*. Cost for adults is \$10 (\$5 for meal and 5 tickets to vote for your favorite recipe); youth age 6 to 12, \$3; kids under 6 and Chili Chefs eat free. Kid friendly activities are planned, so bring the whole family! Reservations must be received by Sunday, February 3. Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net, or Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults drinking beer? \_\_\_\_\_ sangria? \_\_\_\_\_ margarita? \_\_\_\_\_  
# of adults (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ kids 6-12 (\$3) \_\_\_\_\_ kids under 6 (free) \_\_\_\_\_ Food allergies or sensitivities? \_\_\_\_\_

## **THIRTY DAYS OF LOVE**

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There is so much we cannot do in the face of violence and oppression; however standing up for love, no matter within whose chest it blooms, is perfectly doable. Please stand with the UUA's **STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE** campaign this year. It's way better than chocolate. Join in *30 days of Love*. Learn more by visiting [www.standingonthesideoflove.org](http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org)

### **MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE**

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This month's service gathers Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 27**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Learn more from Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

### **UUFM SINGERS NOTES**

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On Sunday, March 3, the Fellowship hosts a concert featuring our choir and the First Congregational Church's choir. We will be busy the next few weeks preparing to perform 12 pieces. Proceeds from the concert support the Flint Hills Community Clinic.

The Singers rehearse this month on Sunday, **FEBRUARY 10, 17, and 24**, at 9 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more from Music Committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are physically able, we need **SNOW SHOVELERS** who can come following a winter storm to help. With just a few volunteers, we'll get the walkways cleared in no time. Learn more from Facilities chair Mark Moser at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com. Find out how you can 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, FEBRUARY 8 and 22, 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

## CASA SPRING TRAINING

*There's a child waiting for your voice!* Choose to be the difference between abuse and hope. Become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system.

Volunteers complete 3 hours of online assignments and attend 3 hours of in-person training over five weeks starting Monday, February 25. There are only 15 spaces available! To reserve your space, or learn more, contact CASA Resource Development Director Bridget Howland at bridget@sunflowercasa.org or 537-6367.

## MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER

Donate your aluminum cans to benefit the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc, at Howie's Recycling, 625 S 10th Street. Funds generated from recycled aluminum will be placed in a designated account to be given to MESI.

## SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

### HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, FEBRUARY 10, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **PEGGY BOWMAN SECOND CHANCE FUND**, assisting low-income Kansas women seeking reproductive choices in the best interests of themselves and their families. In 2011, the fund helped 100 women, ages 13 to 45. Learn more at [www.pbscf.org](http://www.pbscf.org)

*On January 13, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$570 to the UFM Youth Scholarship Fund. 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](mailto:drewvennum@gmail.com)*

### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



The Social Action Committee sponsors our annual Souper Bowl Food Drive for the Flint Hills Bread Basket on Sunday, February 3, and Sunday, February 10. You can also bring your contributions when you attend the Chili Fiesta on Saturday, February 9. Look for the collection box in the narthex. Foods currently needed at the

Bread Basket include pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, and canned meats. Of course, all canned or shelf-stable foods are appreciated and distributed. Currently, 23.6% of Riley County citizens live below the poverty level, and a little assistance with monthly food needs can make a world of difference, especially as donations fall off following the holiday season. Learn more from Stacey Broughman at 410-9413 or [socialaction@uufm.net](mailto:socialaction@uufm.net)

### FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE

Fair Trade products are offered for purchase at the Fellowship following Sunday morning programs. Whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate and tea are available. *These products make wonderful gift baskets, or treat yourself.* To

learn more, or to purchase Fair Trade products, see Anne Cowan following Sunday morning services at the Fair Trade display in the Fellowship's narthex, or contact her at 537-2025 or [acowan@uufm.net](mailto:acowan@uufm.net)



## **WELCOMING SOCIAL**

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New members and new friends interested in getting more involved are invited to a welcoming Social on Friday, **MARCH 1**, at 6 pm, at the home of Shirley and Brice Hobrock. Come by for drinks, refreshments, and lively conversation with new and established members and friends of the Fellowship. Contact Shirley at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net to learn more, or to let her know that you will be attending. A reminder card will be sent out later in February.

## **\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM**

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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

## **FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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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 year-to-date figures.*

### **UUFM FINANCIAL REPORT**

Year to Date - June 1, 2012 thru Dec 31, 2012

|            |   |             |
|------------|---|-------------|
| Income     | = | \$65,412.86 |
| Expenses   | = | \$61,123.81 |
| Net income | = | \$ 4,289.05 |

December 2012

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|------------|---|-------------|
| Income     | = | \$15,075.58 |
| Expenses   | = | \$ 8,995.58 |
| Net income | = | \$ 6,080.54 |

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

## **UU GRINS AND GIGGLES**

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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST BUMPER STICKER:

*"Honk If You're Not Sure."*

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*A group of children at a Unitarian Universalist church school were trying to determine the sex of a rabbit. "There's only one way to decide," said one child, "let's take a vote on it."*

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*Visitors on a tour of Heaven noticed a group arguing amongst themselves in a tight circle. The visitors asked the angel conducting the tour if there was a problem. The angel explained, "Oh, they're Unitarian Universalists. They can't agree as to whether they're really here or not."*

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*A visitor to a Unitarian Universalist church sat through the sermon with growing incredulity at the heretical ideas being spouted. After the sermon, one of the greeters asked the visitor, "So how did you like it?"*

*"I can't believe half the things that minister said!" sputtered the visitor.*

*"Oh, good--then you'll fit right in!" replied the greeter as he steered the visitor toward the coffee circle.*

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*The Unitarian Universalist was out in his boat fishing when suddenly the Loch Ness Monster rose up out of the lake and attacked his boat. The Loch Ness Monster grabbed the bow of the boat in its huge mouth, flipped the Unitarian Universalist way up into the air, and opened its mouth wide, prepared to catch the guy in its mouth and eat him.*

*As the Unitarian Universalist fell towards that huge mouth filled with sharp teeth, without thinking he said, "Oh my God, help me!" Suddenly time froze. As the guy hung there in mid-air, a huge voice boomed out, "I thought you didn't believe in a personal God on whom you could call in times of crisis!"*

*"Hey, give me a break, God," said the UU. "A minute ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness Monster, either."*

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

## **NEED A RIDE TO THE FELLOWSHIP ?**

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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

## ***ALL ABOUT US***

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Please welcome our new member, **SUE PRAY**. Sue, originally from Wichita, is a KSU graduate in Apparel and Textile Marketing. She had an active business career, including part ownership in local restaurants. She was the assistant manager of Dillard's when it opened in Manhattan. Later, she received her Master's in Library and Information Science from Emporia State. She worked at KSU in Leadership Studies where she was known as "Sue the Glue." She is now at KSU as a Library Assistant, providing support and back up for the service desks of Hale, Fiedler, Weigel and the Math/Physics Libraries. Sue has two sons, one a 1st/2nd grade teacher and the other a K-State catering/food service director. She loves good food, live music, and plays the fiddle and the guitar. Sue has traveled to Ireland. (I'm sure she heard some great music there!) *Welcome to our Fellowship, Sue!*

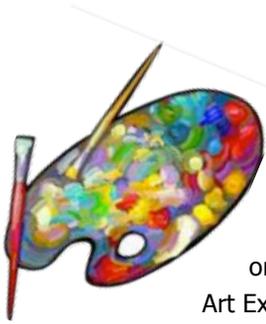
**RITA BACHMAN** and her boys, **CARTER** and **TUCKER**, have booked a trip to India, February 12 to March 9! They will join her father as he returns to visit family and his native country. Most of their time will be spent in Punjab. Safe travels.

**CYBIL PERKINS** and **DAVE LAMBERT**'s youngest son, **DYLAN LAMBERT-PERKINS**, (who has been attending the Fellowship the past 2 months) is embarking on his college career January 22, the beginning of Spring semester, at KSU. He'll be living in the dorm.

Saturday January 19, the Missoula Children's Theatre made their annual visit to the Manhattan Arts Center with their production of *The Secret Garden*. In only one week, 60 local children auditioned, rehearsed, and performed two shows in front of sold-out audiences! Congratulations to our own talented UUFM kids, **INDIGO** and **BURKE BELANGER**, **CONNOR HAZEL**, and **MAEVE** and **ROSE TANONA** who performed in the show.

**KIM BELANGER** has a new job. She's now working at the Manhattan Arts Center as the Director of Education and Marketing. Best of luck to you in your new position.

**ANNE MARCHIN** and **KATHLEEN OLDFATHER** both lost their fathers during January. Anne's dad, Louis Davidson Parkinson, died January 3, at 92 years. Kathleen's dad, Richard Simmonds, died on January 10, and was 86 years old.



## **CALL FOR ARTISTS' SUBMISSIONS**

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The UUFM Aesthetics Committee announces a call for all artists to submit original artwork for the next in our series of Art Exhibitions at the Fellowship. *Deadline for submission is Sunday, March 3.* We invite all members and friends of any age to submit work! This is a mixed show, and all pieces suitable for hanging, including photographs, paintings, drawings, fiber art, collage, etc, are solicited from our many talented Fellowship artists. Please make sure your art is mounted and wired for hanging. Art may be submitted following Sunday services in February, or bring in your submission during Susan Turner's office hours, on Monday from 3 to 5 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 5 pm. Please include a note with artist's name, contact information, media/type of art, price (if for sale), and title. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or [lmcross@kansas.net](mailto:lmcross@kansas.net). Or talk to any Aesthetics Committee member--Lorrie Cross, Kim Belanger, Harriette Janke, or Anne Marchin.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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The UUFM Social Committee will meet following the Sunday morning service on February 3, in the Inez Alsop room. We'll be finalizing planning for the upcoming Chili Fiesta fundraiser, and discussing the Welcoming Social, scheduled on March 1. All members and friends interested in social events at the Fellowship are invited to join us. Learn more from Terri Franz at 537-2291 or [terrijfranz@sgcglobal.net](mailto:terrijfranz@sgcglobal.net), or Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or [welcome@uufm.net](mailto:welcome@uufm.net)



## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Feb 3: Elke Lorenz  
*volunteer greeters are needed*
- Feb 10: Ana Franklin, Ken and Pat Embers, Jim Shanteau, and Christy Hazel
- Feb 17: Cybil Perkins, Dave Lambert, and Sarah Hoyt
- Feb 24: Kristan Corwin, Brian Washburn, Marisa Larson, and Gene Sievers

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

- Monday, Feb 4 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 5 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Feb 7 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Feb 11 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 12 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, Feb 14 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Feb 18 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 19 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Feb 21 - 4 to 9 pm
- Saturday, Feb 23 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Thursday, Feb 28 - 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.

### MARCH 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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| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                               | MON                                              | TUE                                                                                                                                                                                  | WED                                                                                                                                                                                                | THU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | FRI                                                                                         | SAT                                                                                                                                                 |    |
| <u>27</u><br><u>Singers rehearse</u><br>9:00-10:30 am<br><br><u>Value ... and Weight ... of Creativity</u><br>10:45-12:00 pm                                                                      | <u>28</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm | <u>29</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>12:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                         | <u>30</u><br><u>Men's Lunch</u><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Book Discussion</u><br>7:00-10:00 pm                                                   | <u>31</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>12:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                        | <u>1</u><br><u>Parent's Night Out</u><br>6:30-9:30 pm                                       | <u>2</u><br><u>Pagan Circle - IMBOLC</u><br>6:00-10:00 pm                                                                                           |    |
| <u>3</u><br><u>Community Empowerment Through Art</u><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><br><u>Social Committee mtg</u><br>12:15-1:00 pm                                                                        | <u>4</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm  | <u>5</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>12:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                         | <u>6</u><br><u>Men's Lunch</u><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm                                                                                                   | <u>7</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>12:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                                                                          | <u>8</u><br><u>Happy Kitchen</u><br>7:30-9:00 am<br><br><u>Drum Circle</u><br>7:00-10:00 pm | <u>9</u><br><u>Chili FIESTA</u><br>6:00-9:00 pm                                                                                                     |    |
| <u>10</u><br><u>Singers rehearse</u><br>9:00-10:30 am<br><br><u>Moving Forward</u><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><br><u>Helping Hands</u><br>11:15-11:15 am<br><br><u>Deepening UUism</u><br>12:15-1:00 pm | <u>11</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm | <u>12</u><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>4:00-7:00 pm<br><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>4:00-7:00 pm<br><br><u>Board Mtg</u><br>7:00-8:45 pm | <u>13</u><br><u>Women's Lunch</u><br>11:30-1:00 pm<br><br><u>Men's Lunch</u><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm                                                     | <u>14</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>12:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                                                                         | <u>15</u>                                                                                   | <u>16</u>                                                                                                                                           |    |
| <u>17</u><br><u>Singers rehearse</u><br>9:00-10:30 am<br><br><u>From the Dreams of Youthful Vision ...</u><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><br><u>Deepening UUism</u><br>12:15-1:00 pm                       | <u>18</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm | <u>19</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>12:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                         | <u>20</u><br><u>Men's Lunch</u><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>3:00-5:00 pm                                                                                                  | <u>21</u><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>4:00-7:00 pm<br><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>4:00-9:00 pm<br><br><u>Tai Chi</u><br>5:30-6:00 pm<br><br><u>3rd Thursday Supper</u><br>6:00-8:30 pm | <u>22</u><br><u>Happy Kitchen</u><br>7:30-9:00 am                                           | <u>23</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>11:00-6:00 pm<br><br><u>Teachings of Patanjali</u><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><br><u>Pagan Circle</u><br>6:00-10:00 pm |    |
| <u>24</u><br><u>Singers rehearse</u><br>9:00-10:30 am<br><br><u>The Greater Vehicle</u><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><br><u>Deepening UUism</u><br>12:15-1:00 pm                                          | <u>25</u>                                        | <u>26</u><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>2:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                    | <u>27</u><br><u>Men's Lunch</u><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><br><u>Rev Michael Nelson</u><br>12:00-2:00 pm<br><br><u>Meadowlark Service</u><br>3:00-4:15 pm<br><br><u>Book Discussion</u><br>7:00-10:00 pm | <u>28</u><br><u>Susan Turner</u><br>12:00-5:00 pm<br><br><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                                                                         | <u>1</u><br><u>Parent's Night Out</u><br>6:30-9:30 pm                                       | <u>2</u>                                                                                                                                            |    |

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