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APRIL 2013 PROGRAMS

APRIL 7 "THE DISCOVERY OF SELF IN COMMUNITY"

Reverend Michael Nelson muses, "As Unitarian Universalists our evolving and progressive faith asks us to know ourselves in ways the enable us to do good in the world. Community helps us to see our lives in continuous perspective. Who you are and what you believe can open the way to a wondrous process of evolution. To be in flux can replace lethargy with a robust vitality and bring moments of exquisite awareness." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

APRIL 14 "PAGAN VOICES"

Members and friends of the Flinthills Pagans share their thoughts on what it means to stand under the Pagan umbrella, their relationship with deities and with the Earth, Pagan views on gender and sexuality, and how Pagan religions fit into a broader interfaith context. This month the Pagan Circle meets at the Fellowship on Saturday, April 13 and 20. Rituals are open to all who would like a more direct experience of Pagan practice. Learn more from Sarah Burns at 428-2428 or flinthillspagans@gmail.com. Contact/convener is Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

APRIL 21 "BEING AT HOME"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, " The practice of living in the present helps us to know what it means to be at home in the self and with others. It challenges us to 'see a world in a grain of sand and heaven in a wildflower.' What helps us to live in the present in ways that allow you to 'hold infinity in the palm of your hand?' William Blake invites us to find eternity in this hour." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

APRIL 28 "THE THREE POSSESSIONS OF A SIMPLETON"

Rev Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus of the First Unitarian Church of Omaha, joins us. He writes, "The Tao-Te-Ching is one of the great classics of literature. It is said that only the Bible has been translated into more languages. The sermon will be a somewhat humorous exploration of a beautiful poem attributed to Lao Tzu." Contact/Convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

All are invited to a meeting following the Sunday service on **APRIL 7**, when we will gather for an open **DISCUSSION ON ENDOWMENT**. Learn more on page 6 of this newsletter.

On Sunday, **APRIL 21**, following the morning service, we gather for our **ANNUAL MEETING**. Members will vote on the proposed 2013/2014 Budget, and nominated Board officers. Learn more on page 7.



UUFM is a **WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

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

Let's try an experiment. Make a list of what brings you joy/fun. Without too much thinking jot down what opens you to joy and leads to fun. 1) The birds at the feeder, morning,



noon and dusk. 2) Chuck whistling. 3) Poppy running full speed over the hills. 4) Norah (my 5-month-old grand niece) laughing. 4) Hearing the UUFM choir sing. 5) The first crocus. 6) The return of the eastern phoebe. 7) Seeing bald eagles close to home. 8) A warm hen's egg in a cold

hand. 9) Dusk, sunset. 10) A rollicking talk with a friend. 9) A newborn calf wobbling after its mother. 11) The unimpeded Milky Way. 12) A story of someone overcoming adversity. 13) Old Maxi Cat in a game of chase with young Freja. 14) When a hidden connection reveals its truth. 15) Fireflies undulating over the meadow. 16) 10 foot bluestem. 17) When UUism saves someone's life ... 18) Looking at Chuck's drawings ... 19) A night fire with a coyote and owl chorus ... 20) When communication is clear and loving ...

Title the next list grief/sad and proceed. 1) My neighbor shooting coyotes. 2) When my mother feels forgotten. 3) When people I care about fail to seek common ground when they share similar visions. 4) Allowing the petty to obstruct big dreams. 5) Moments of impatience when Chuck can't recall something we have agreed upon recently. 6) A cruel remark. 7) The cutting down of a grand old tree. 8) When I get travel anxiety. 9) A society that fails to care for its children, the elderly, racial inequality in prisons ... 10) When an LGBT teen kills themselves. 11) Whenever anyone kills themselves because of isolation, fear, treatable depression ... 12) When anyone loses a loved one, friend, partner, spouse, mother, father, cousin, pet ... 13) Poorly funded schools. 14) Gun violence. 15) Pollution. 16) Loss of songbirds and the wild. 17) When people do not understand anxiety disorders and brain damage; lack of empathy. 18) Perfectionism that kills the spirit. 19) Collapsing the richness of diversity into a thinness of possibility. 20) Poverty mentality, the sense that we do not have the resources, the will to do more than we are doing ...

Wow! What a difference between how I feel after completing the first and second lists. I should have started with the second one, because now there is a pain in my back, a heaviness in my heart, I don't feel like moving ... When I finished the first I felt the possibilities of spring in my bones, a lightness, an eagerness, ready for what comes ...

What we focus on makes a difference in our individual and shared lives. If we focus on what we can't do, what has gone wrong, the losses, forward energy sinks into inertia. When we focus on what brings a smile, cheer, warmth, goodness, then the feeling that we can do more rises. This is not to imply that the practical, a hard look at reality is worthless, but it does suggest that if one does not turn toward what brings joy and a sense of fun it is very difficult to move forward.

Optimism does not come naturally to most people, but it is a skill that one can develop. It enables one to refine the way they use their energy and resources that create more possibilities for success. Becoming proficient at being positive, expert at enjoying, fine at having fun, expands the capacity to be fully in the world. It is much easier to face the problems and challenges of life with a supple and reliable capacity for joy. Progressive faith fails if everything is reduced to limitations. Confidence in what is possible generates hope and increases the chances for good things to happen. Experiences of sadness, loss and failure provide opportunities for wisdom to root but to make them a dwelling place is to ensure despair. It is what we make out of our suffering that counts. Liberal religion asks us to find meaning in whatever happens and to position ourselves towards the bright side of hope.

Michael

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday,	April	2 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	April	4 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	April	9 - 4 to 7 pm
Wednesday,	April	10 - 1 to 3 pm
Tuesday,	April	16 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	April	18 - 4 to 7 pm
Tuesday,	April	23 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	April	24 - 12 to 2 pm
Tuesday,	April	30 - 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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Social Committee meets following the Sunday service on **APRIL 28**. We will be planning for the coming year, and anyone interested in social activities at the Fellowship is encouraged to join us. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

MUSIC IN MOTION FIELD TRIPS

Music is a magical part of our morning service and the children enjoy the music as much as anyone. Unfortunately the kids don't get to enjoy *all* of the music. Personally, I'm in favor of excusing students to their classrooms as we do now because full participation in the RE program is important to me. But I would also like the kids to be exposed to more music, wouldn't you?

So I thought I'd "be the good" and give something a go ... a new UURE adventure--Music in Motion field trips.

The music department at K-State holds numerous free recitals throughout the school year on campus in All Faiths Chapel. Most are student recitals, some are faculty recitals, all are worth the price. I will provide door-to-door transportation and accompany the children. Parents and other adults are, of course, encouraged to join us, but it is not a requirement. To attend without a parent your child must be able to sit quietly (not necessarily silently) for at least 30 minutes. Most programs are about an hour long so if 30 minutes is your child's limit, we can enjoy the music from the foyer. If desired, after the music we can gather at my home (which is nearby) for a beverage and discussion.

Following are April programs I have chosen for "Music in Motion" trips, from the Student Recital Series:

Sunday, **APRIL 7**, 1:15 pm - Kurt Gartner, percussion
Tuesday, **APRIL 16**, 7:30 PM - Bret McCandless, Cello

All events are in K-State's All Faiths Chapel. All events are subject to change. Please contact me (Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com) if you have an interest in sending your child or attending yourself. This is but a sampling of what K-State has to offer. Find the complete list at <http://www.k-state.edu/music/events.pdf>.



DRE'S SCHEDULE

In April, Sandy Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. During office hours, call Sandy at 537-2349, or drop by the Fellowship building. Contact her anytime at sandralounelson@yahoo.com

APRIL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

This month, Kindergarten thru 2nd grade, 3rd thru 5th grade, and 6th thru 8th grade classes are focusing on UU Principle 7: *We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things.* (Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.) As usual, there will also be review of other principles. Each class will have discussion, games, and activities. The Preschool class will continue to explore the world around them with the *Celebrating Me and My World* curriculum. And infants and toddlers in the nursery will read a variety of story books, and participate in playtime, and other activities to stimulate all their senses.

sandy

Learn more, and find out how you can support youth religious education at UUFM, from our interim Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Bring the kids for Parents' Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **APRIL 5** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. We'll do something creative, watch a movie, and nibble on healthy snacks. Suggested contribution is \$5 per child, to help cover expenses.



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 **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, APRIL 10, at 11:30 am, at the Happy Valley Chinese Restaurant, 2307 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@cox.net

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, APRIL 12, at 7 pm, around the Fellowship fire circle. 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 **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** gathers on Saturday, APRIL 13, for a Fairy Soiree (Fairy Dance and Tea Party; we will dress up, and learn about different types of fae.). We meet again at the Fellowship on Saturday, APRIL 20, a full moon ritual. Family-friendly Pagan Circle events begin at 6 pm, with a potluck meal. Old sage or newly curious are welcome and invited. Learn more from Sarah Burns at 428-2428 or flinthillspagans@gmail.com

CONNECTIONS DINNER (formerly Third Thursday Supper) will meet Thursday, APRIL 18, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. Bring a dish to share, if you are able, or just join us for good food and great company! Mark Moser leads a brief **TAI CHI**-based meditation session, at 5:30 pm. Attend one, or both events. Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, APRIL 24, at 7 pm. Watch for location and title on the Fellowship's email list, and in Sunday morning bulletins. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

On Monday, APRIL 29, at 7:30 pm, the UUFM Music Committee hosts the second half of KSU graduate student Shane Galentine's **MASTERS RECITAL**, at the Fellowship. Shane is a student of Slawomir Dobrzanski and Virginia Houser. In addition to duties as pianist and organist at the First Congregational Church in Emporia, Shane leads a studio of approximately 25 students. He is a very talented performer and gifted teacher. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AND WELCOMING GATHERING

During the morning service on Sunday, **APRIL 21**, we will recognize and welcome new members who have recently joined the Fellowship. Come early, before the April 21 service at 10 am, for a get-acquainted, social gathering. *Everyone is invited to come greet our new members.* The Social Committee will provide coffee, tea, juice, and rolls. Fellowship friends interested in membership can learn more from Welcoming Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Reverend Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 21**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our plans and dreams for fiscal year 2013/2014, which runs from June 1, 2013 thru May 31, 2014. Please carefully review the information provided on page 7 of this newsletter, to familiarize yourself with the issues and items to be discussed and voted upon. Friends of the Fellowship are invited to attend and observe the proceedings. Learn more from Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's service gathers Wednesday, **APRIL 24**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Jim Shanteau leads a participatory program, exploring *Unitarian Values*. Learn more from Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

UUFM SINGERS NOTES

The Singers rehearse this month on Sunday, **APRIL 7**, and again on Sunday, **APRIL 28**, at 9 am, in the Main Sanctuary, and perform during the service on those days. Learn more about vocal music at the Fellowship from Music chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu



SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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, APRIL 5 and 19, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are needed to occasionally fill in.* Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. Learn more from Jennifer Bryan at 537-0333 or snowbird@violinifer.com

CASA SUMMER 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 beginning with an orientation session on Monday, May 6. There are only 30 spaces available! To reserve your space, or for more information, contact CASA Resource Development Director Bridget Howland at bridget@sunflowercasa.org or 537-6367, or visit www.sunflowercasa.org

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.

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, APRIL 14, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **FAIRY GODMOTHER FUND**, providing flexible monies to improve the health and well being of women with limited resources who have immediate needs not met by traditional funding resources within the community. For more information view their web site at www.fgfund.org

On March 10, Fellowship members and friends contributed to the Flint Hills Summer Fun Camp. THANK YOU all for your generous gifts!!! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinators Drew and Amber Vennum at (713) 828-3307 or drewvennum@gmail.com

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, 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. 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

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Social Action Committee meets Wednesday, **APRIL 17**, at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. We'll be considering Helping Hands beneficiaries for the coming year. All Fellowship members and friends interested in Social Justice activities are invited to attend. Contact Stacey Broughman at 410-9413 or socialaction@uufm.net.

MUSIC AND SOCIAL ACTION

At last summer's Music Committee retreat, members agreed to use music to support the congregation's social action efforts. The first event to do so occurred at a concert on Sunday, May 3, featuring the combined choirs of the Fellowship and First Congregational Church. We sang 12 favorite anthems and collected \$1,084 in support of the Flint Hills Community Clinic. The 90 or so people attending seemed genuinely appreciative of the spirited performance of 35 musicians.

A second accomplishment of the committee's initiatives was the wonderful program presented by Stacey Broughman and Dick Beeman on Sunday, March 17, *The Role of Protest Songs in Social Justice Movements*. Committee members Dick Beeman, Pat Embers, Cathy Hedge, Michael Oldfather (Chair), Jim Shanteau, and Michaela Sievers welcome suggestions concerning other ways to use music to support Social Action and other committees' activities.

\$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 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 continue to benefit UUFM! Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

Fellowship Treasurer Betty Banner offers the following report on Fellowship finances:

UUFM FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to Date (June 1, 2012 thru May 31, 2013)

Income = \$85,854.83

Expenses = \$76,597.14

Net income = \$ 9,257.69

February 2013

Income = \$ 7,629.75

Expenses = \$ 8,272.21

Net income = (\$ 642.46)

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

OPEN DISCUSSION ON ENDOWMENT

Following the Sunday service on **APRIL 7**, please join us to discuss investing the Kirmser gift. This fall UUFM was blessed to receive a gift of \$126,000 from the estates of Phillip and Jeune Kirmser. The Kirmsers were founding members of UUFM and strong financial supporters even when their health prevented them from attending. It has been the practice of UUFM to engage in socially responsible investing, putting our money into funds that reflect our UU values. Our endowment funds are currently invested in the PAX World Fund. Before investing the Kirmser gift the Board and the Finance Committee would like to hear from the Fellowship regarding what values we should try to uphold with future investments. One option the Board and Financial Committee would like to pursue is to have a small portion of our endowment working to help local causes by investing with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. While it is unlikely we'll agree 100% on what "socially responsible" means and what values are most important for us to uphold, it is important for us to have conversations about our individual opinions and what common goals we have for the Fellowship. Learn more from Fellowship Treasurer Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

FROM OUR CHAIR - SCOTT TANONA

I'm feeling the energy of spring, of new life growing sometimes literally from the fruits of past work. I'm feeling like our fellowship is in a similar state. We have had incredible, forward-looking work done by a lot of people, done to ensure we were financially secure, to help us grow spiritually, to make it possible for us to reach more people and accomplish more. Having a picture of the future, imagining us with a beautiful building, no mortgage, a minister and a DRE, is part of what enabled that to happen, and I am grateful for the commitment, insight, and caring of everyone who has made UUFM into what it is today. I think we are in a great position to build on all those accomplishments. Our facilities, organization, and people are the stuff that will help us develop in new ways--the soil, sun, air, and water will let new seeds grow. But we have to figure out what new seeds we will plant now.

I'm excited about our stewardship and values efforts not because of what they might mean financially, but because I think it's going to allow us all to get to know better what we all want to accomplish next. I think this because we will be talking about why we care about UUFM, about the difference it has made in our lives and about how we think it can make a difference in other people's lives. I believe that these discussions will help us all better feel a shared vision for our future. I hope you will all, if you haven't already, enter into these discussions with the kind of energy I feel, with appreciation for our past, and with excitement for our future.

Scott



Jane Pelletier and Kaia Bonella.

ALL ABOUT US

Please welcome new member, **JANE PELLETIER**. Jane was born in Massachusetts, receiving her BA in English and Education from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee and her Master's in the education of children with behavioral disorders from University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee. She was the first elementary teacher in Manhattan of children with behavioral disorders from 1977-1985 at Northview School. She then taught 4th grade at Bluemont School until her retirement in 2001. Since then she has been very involved in CASA. Jane has three grandchildren. She first came to our Fellowship to spend Sunday mornings with her family--**LAURA, MIKE and KAIA BONELLA**. She stayed because, "I feel very comfortable, at home, and welcomed here. It makes me happy. I'm a Christian Feminist ..." and she can be that here. Jane would like us to know that she had a wonderful 37 years with her husband, Paul, who passed away in 2005. Welcome to our Fellowship, Jane.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 21**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our hopes for fiscal year 2013/2014 (June 1, 2013 thru May 31, 2014). Please review the information provided below, to familiarize yourself with the issues and items to be discussed and voted upon.

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED FY 2013/2014 BUDGET

The proposed budget was developed with input from committee chairs, the Finance Committee and the Board. There were some small increases for some of the areas. These increases were based on both expenditures this year and expected increases during the next year. We also added a new line item to cover the costs of our stewardship campaign as we go forward. Next year the Topeka UU Fellowship will host the annual Prairie Star District meeting. We have been asked to assist with that event and have included a small amount of money to cover any potential expenses.

The payroll has increased slightly due to minimal increases for our staff. In January this year everyone experienced a 2% increase in withholding due to the Social Security tax being restored to its former level. Last year the budget included funds for a half time Director of Religious Education. As you know we were unable to find a qualified candidate. This spring Sandy Nelson was hired at quarter time to help coordinate RE activities. We choose to leave the DRE compensation line at the original budgeted amount for 20 hr/week in hopes that we will be able to find a qualified candidate. The hire lag that we experienced is part of what helped keep us in the black this year.

The budget for facilities was increased only slightly but we are aware that in the next few years we will be facing some large, long-term expenses such as replacing the roof on the original part of the building. We will need to continue building our "building contingency" fund. Although we are putting \$1000/year into that account we have also had to dip into it such as when we replaced one of the air conditioning condensers last June.

Our income is largely from pledges. During this calendar year \$103,643 was pledged. As of the end of February approximately 75% of the pledged funds had been contributed. Our thanks to everyone for fulfilling their pledges. For our pledge income to cover the same percentage of our income in the next year we will need to have approximately 10% increase in pledge income. At the same time we have increased the expected income from fund raising from \$4000 to \$6000. This increased income is expected to come from your participation in the grocery coupon program. This program has grown and been a very successful. Your purchases at Dillons are generating approximately \$300/month. This is a win-win for all of us and we encourage you to continue to support this program.

If you have questions ask a member of the Board, the Finance Committee, or me. We will be happy to answer them.

Betty Banner
 UUFM Treasurer and Finance Chair

Contact Betty at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com to learn more about Fellowship finances, and how you can contribute.

PROPOSED FY 2013/2014 UUFM BUDGET

EXPENSES

Administration	2,250
Building Contingency Fund	1,000
Caring	100
Committee on Ministry	-0-
Communications/Publicity	4,305
Dues	9,023
Facilities	5,000
Green Sanctuary	100
Insurance	3,200
Leadership Development	300
Legal Fees	40
Membership	500
Minister's Discretionary Fund	250
Miscellaneous	500
Music	400
Payroll	91,360
Program	1,750
Religious Education	1,960
Sitter	260
Social	540
Social Action	920
Utilities	6,250
Welcoming Congregation	250
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$130,558

INCOME

Contributions - Pledges	114,453
Contributions - Cash	2,500
Contributions - Non-pledge	7,000
Fundraising	6,000
Interest	5
Other Income (mostly rental)	600
TOTAL INCOME	\$130,558

BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES

Executive Board candidates standing for election appear in **BOLD ITALICS**, below. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

- Chair - Tom Phillips
- Chair-Elect - **KATHLEEN TANONA**
- Treasurer - Betty Banner
- Secretary - **SUE PRAY**
- Member-at-Large - Laura Bonella
- Member-at-Large - **KATIE KINGERY-PAGE**
- Past Chair - Scott Tanona



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- April 7: Cathy Hedge, Nathan Albin, and Esther and Stephen Simmons
- April 14: Laura and Mike Bonella, Jane Pelletier, and Kim Belanger
- April 21: June and Charley Kempthorne, Amy Hilgendorf, and Anne Cowan
- April 28: Barbara Hacker, Terri Franz, Sam Lacy, and Gwen Geiselman

A huge *THANK YOU* goes out to all of our coffee and greeting team volunteers. Serving on a Coffee and Greeting team is an easy way to give to the Fellowship, with a minimal investment of your time. *Thank you all* for your time and voluntary contributions! Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

NEED A RIDE TO THE FELLOWSHIP ?

The Caring Committee has organized a group of volunteer drivers to help folks get to our Sunday morning services. Contact Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com

Administrator's Schedule

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

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

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

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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

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

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

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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.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the May edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Monday, **APRIL 15**. *Committee chairs, please let Susan know who will be chairing your committee in the coming year, beginning June 1.* Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
31 <u>Living Our Values Locally</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Easter Brunch</u> 12:30-2:00 pm	1 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	2 <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	3 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	4 <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	5 <u>PSD Conference</u> 12:00-12:00 am <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	6 <u>PSD Conference</u> 12:00-12:00 am	
7 <u>PSD Conference</u> 12:00-12:00 am <u>Choir rehearsal</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>Self in Community</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Open Discussion - endowment</u> 12:15-3:00 pm	8 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	9 <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 4:00-7:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-7:00 pm <u>Board Mtg</u> 7:00-8:45 pm	10 <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> 1:00-3:00 pm	11 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	12 <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	13 <u>Pagan Circle - Fairv Soiree</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
14 <u>Pagan Voices</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	15 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	16 <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	17 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm	18 <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>3rd Thursday Supper</u> 6:00-8:30 pm	19 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am	20 <u>Pagan Circle</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
21 <u>Choir rehearsal</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>New Member Social</u> 10:00-10:45 am <u>Being at Home</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Annual Meeting</u> 12:15-2:00 pm	22	23 <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	24 <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 <u>Book Discussion</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	25 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	26	27 <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm	
28 <u>Three Possessions of a Simpleton</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Social Committee mtg</u> 12:15-1:30 pm	29 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Recital - Shane Galentine</u> 7:30-9:00 pm	30 <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 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm	2 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	3 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	4	

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