



# THE UUFM VOICE

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## SEPTEMBER 2013 PROGRAMS

### SEPTEMBER 1 "CONSCIENTIOUS CARING FOR OUR PLANET" AND "REFLECTIONS ON TOXICITY"

There are many ways to care for our planet and reduce our use of her resources. Fellowship members Laura Lott and Sarah Hoyt explore various ways to lighten our impact on the Earth. Contact/convener is Pat Embers at 410-3627 or embers1@cox.net.

### SEPTEMBER 8 "THE POWER OF WORDS"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "A simple yes or no can bring joy or despair. The mindful use of words allows us to honestly and respectfully share our thoughts with loved ones and with people with whom we disagree. The goal is to find our authentic voice and to share it wisely so that we can more fully practice our 3rd UU principle of accepting one another and ourselves for who we are." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net.

### SEPTEMBER 15 "MYTHOLOGY AND RELIGION"

Fellowship friend Jessica Sievers discusses the PBS documentary *Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth*, which explores similarities between major religions. Contact/convener is Tom Phillips at (405) 880-6483 or tphillips@uufm.net.

### SEPTEMBER 22 "THE CRY FOR FREEDOM"

"The Rev Ephraim Nute called on Unitarian's highest moral aspirations to keep Kansas a state free from slavery. Brown v Board of Education radically shifted the course of civil rights in this country. Marriage equality for LGBT couples stands as one of the most important civil rights issues of our day." Reverend Michael Nelson asks, "What can Kansas UU's do to promote and achieve justice in a state that outlaws gay marriage in its constitution?" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net. (See Michael's Musings on page 2 of this newsletter.)

### SEPTEMBER 29 "MARIA SZYMANOWSKA: FINDING THE MISSING NOTES"

Fellowship member Slawomir Dobrzanski discusses and provides examples of the music of Polish composer and pianist Maria Szymanowska. Slawomir's research marks him as the world's leading authority on this important link between the Classical and Romantic eras. Learn more from convener Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

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### ANNUAL PANCAKE BRUNCH

Join us following the Sunday service on **SEPTEMBER 8**, for a scrumptious Pancake Brunch benefiting the UUFM General Operations Fund. The menu includes regular and gluten-free pancakes, meat and vegetarian sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. Suggested donations are \$5 for adults, \$2 children 6 thru 12, children 5 and under and *first time visitors* eat free. Learn more, or find out how you can help, from Terri Franz at 537-2291 or [terrijfranz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terrijfranz@sbcglobal.net)



## UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

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In a recent interview with the film star Greta Gerwig, who grew up in the Sacramento UU Church, she said, "I think I keep returning to a UU Church again and again because it resonates with something deep inside of me that feels that all I really know is that I don't know ... (it is) the best place for me to experience the fullness of the sentiment of not knowing." As a human being, a writer, a minister, a gardener I become increasingly aware of the power of not knowing.

At the New York Writer's Institute this summer a number of highly acclaimed writers who work in various genres spoke about how important it was for them, as they write, to not know what happens next. The real juice often comes from characters that do something unexpected or a slant that brings a perspective to their work they never imagined; approaches that shift their understanding of what they are trying to do. This "not knowing" brings life to their creation. Of course at some point you do know, but a mistake many writers make is to overwork passages. This often extracts the juice. Yet, it is also true that this magic, the passage of grace, can open as you delve deeply into the process of revision. When something doesn't feel quite right, authentic, fresh, you move into it from as many angles as possible until its inner coherence, logic and beauty reveal themselves.

The garden at Three Oaks is in its fourth season. The basic design is in place. The foundation plantings provide a structure from which all kinds of surprises emerge. This year the old fashioned *Nicotiana Alta*, (related to the tobacco plant), has stationed itself in an intersection of the garden I'd never have guessed would create such wonder. I certainly wouldn't have chosen that spot. Its profligate nature casts seeds in all kinds of places. The triangle of five six-foot plants with trumpets of white blooms releases a mesmerizing scent at twilight when the hawk moths love to dive deep into its blossoming center. The white flowers glow in the dusk.



It surprises me that Charles and I are making plans to get married in California in November. What's even more surprising is that we are deliberating about how to elevate the issue of marriage equality in Kansas so that it is not another progressive value that's sidelined. This civil rights issue deserves a place in our public discourse. Lambda Legal, a national organization, which often works with the ACLU to file

lawsuits for marriage equality told me this week that Kansas was a state that they would not consider offering legal counsel to on this issue. Kansas is in the tier of states they categorize as hopeless.

I do not feel hopeless. Do you? Will you help us to advance the progressive ideals of equality for all people? Can we become the beacon of hope that brings strength and optimism to the people who lament the erosion of human rights in this beautiful state? I don't know what's possible, but I dearly would like to find out. I am willing to bet there are many sweet surprises that will pop up if we liberal Kansans work and dream together. Let us find out what's possible when we do not have second-class citizens.

*Michael*

### REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday,	September	3 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	September	4 - 2 to 4 pm
Tuesday,	September	10 - 5 to 7 pm
Thursday,	September	12 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	September	17 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday,	September	19 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	September	24 - 3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	September	25 - 5 to 7 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](mailto:minister@uufm.net)

### MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRIES SHARING PROJECT

The UUA Multicultural Ministries 2013 Sharing Project is soliciting input from Unitarian Universalists historically marginalized by ability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, race, and/or ethnicity about their unique experiences and ministry needs within Unitarian Universalism. This comprehensive online survey will take from 20 minutes to an hour to complete. Your input is invaluable to the future of Unitarian Universalism. The Sharing Project Survey remains open through October 31, 2013. Learn more at

[www.uua.org/multiculturalism/287941.shtml](http://www.uua.org/multiculturalism/287941.shtml)

Take the survey now at

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/UUAMMSP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/UUAMMSP)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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## RE NEWS

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Our UU World Travelers had a glorious summer exploring a multitude of locations and ideas. They explored cave art, music, dance, California, Hawaii, Pillsbury Crossing, and more. By the time you read this we will have welcomed them home in grand fashion.

Many thanks to all the wonderful "tour guides" who volunteered their time to take our youth on some fabulous adventures. Hats off to Larry Weaver, Jessica Long, Aimee Fowler, Brent Garrison, Marisa Larson, Courtney and Nathan Albin, Molly and Rob McGaughey, Mike Bonella, Tom and Monta Manney, Dick and Sylvia Beeman, Scott Tanona, Mark Moser, Terri Franz, and everyone at the Bon Voyage party. Our RE program is fabulous because of your gift of time.

As we head into the fall, we begin our World Religions curriculum.

The **K-2ND GRADE** class uses *Picture Book World Religions* by Kate Tweedie. The goal of this curriculum is to introduce world religions through stories and allow young children to explore the differences and similarities to their own lives. There are beautiful picture books that introduce young children to Hinduism, Islam and Buddhism in a gentle and respectful way. These books teach about world religions by telling a story. The stories illustrate concepts such as the value of wisdom and loyalty in Hinduism, the importance of family in Islam, and the practice of compassion for all living beings in Buddhism.

The **3RD-6TH GRADE** class will use *A World of New Friends: An Introduction to World Religions* by Sara Sautter as a jumping off point. The lessons in this curriculum are designed to use a child's curiosity flavored with stories, art, drama, and song to introduce participants to the many truths and many faiths that richly color our earth and enrich our lives. Students will have an opportunity to meet a number of individuals who have different faith practices as the curriculum is supplemented by a variety of guest speakers representing other faiths within the Manhattan community.

The **7TH-9TH GRADE** class will use *Neighboring Faiths: Exploring World Religions* by Christine Reed and Patricia Hoertdoerfer. The curriculum acquaints students with a diversity of faiths. Teachers talk with students about the foundations of such faiths, as well as take the class on field trips to neighboring places of worship. The group may modify and augment units to explore the religions practiced within Manhattan and to encompass the specific interests of the students. There is focus on values including:

appreciation of religious cultures; interest in, and acceptance of, diversity; and pride in one's own religious faith(s). Parents are encouraged to participate in the outings to places of worship. This is a wonderful opportunity for every family to experience a Neighboring Faith exploration.

In the **NURSERY**, infants and toddlers continue mini-lessons with new themes each week. There's also plenty of exploratory play time.

The **PRESCHOOL** class will use the curriculum *Chalice Children* by Kate Tweedie. Based on the premise that children learn best through experience, this program helps nurture spiritual growth, creativity, and a sense of community through imaginative activities and rituals such as rhymes and finger plays.

*Sandy Nelson*

*Learn more about family and youth activities at the Fellowship from Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net*

### DRE'S SCHEDULE

In September, Sandy Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

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Bring the kids for Parents' Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **SEPTEMBER 6** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. As always there will be fun, games, healthy snacks, and a movie! *RSVP by Thursday, September 5*, so that Sandy can schedule adults to staff the evening, and gather supplies. Contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL !!!

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Join us following the service on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 8**, to learn more about this year's RE curriculum, and eat some ice cream! Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net



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

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The **WOMEN'S COFFEE** group meets EVERY MONDAY and THURSDAY at 9:30 am, at the McDonald's in Westloop. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Learn more from Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or barbaradhacker@yahoo.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 **FLINTHILLS PAGANS** meet at the Fellowship on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 7, for a workshop exploring *How to Create a Ritual*, and Saturday, SEPTEMBER 21, for *Mabon*. Family-friendly Pagan events begin at 6 pm with a potluck meal. Old sage and newly curious are invited. Weekly Pagan events gather at 6 pm on Sundays at the Bluestem Bistro, and Mondays at 6 pm at the Hastings Hardback Café. Learn more about all Pagan events from Mandy Ryan at flinthillspagans@gmail.com

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 11, at 11:30 am, at Houlihan's restaurant, 1641 Anderson Avenue, in Manhattan (across from KSU Student Union). Join us for lively discussion and great company. All are invited. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865, or ahjanke@cox.net

**CONNECTIONS DINNER** (formerly Third Thursday Supper) gathers on Thursday, SEPTEMBER 19, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. Any food you can bring to share during our community meal is appreciated. If you aren't able to bring a dish, just bring your smile, family, and friends and join us for good food and great company! Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, SEPTEMBER 20. We'll be joining in the international *10 Billion Beats* drumming event, as drummers pass the beat from time zone to time zone, going around the world in 24 hours. Please plan to arrive at 6:45 pm, so that we'll be prepared to jump in immediately at 7 pm. Find out more at [www.10billionbeats.com](http://www.10billionbeats.com). Bring your own drum or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 25, at 7 pm, at the McGaughey home. We'll be discussing *The Lacuna*, by Barbara Kingsolver. Learn more from Bobette McGaughey at 539-6872 or kbmcgoy@ksu.edu, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

### **NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS - SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY**

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Fellowship member Ron Parks and Reverend Michael Nelson co-lead a group reading *Spiritual Ecology, The Cry of the Earth*, a collection of essays written by people like Thich Nhat Hanh, Joanna Macy and Wendell Berry. Reflection and discussion will be central to our exploration. We'll meet at the Fellowship on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 8:30 pm, beginning SEPTEMBER 25 and continuing THROUGH OCTOBER 23.

Books will be available for purchase at the Fellowship. This class is limited to ten participants, so *please reserve your space* with Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Learn more about the class from Michael at minister@uufm.net

### **WELCOMING SOCIAL**

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A social to welcome new visitors to the Fellowship in the last 6 months will be held on Friday, **SEPTEMBER 27**, at 6 pm, at the home of Shirley and Brice Hobrock. Come by for drinks, refreshments, and lively conversation. If you are new to the Fellowship and would like to get better acquainted or more involved, we'd be honored to have you join us at 4009 Snowy Reach, in Manhattan. Contact Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, to learn more.

### **MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE**

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This month's service gathers Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 25**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Watch for announcements in Sunday bulletins, and on the Fellowship's email list for this month's topic. To receive an email reminder each month, contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

### **UUFM SINGERS**

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The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday morning, **SEPTEMBER 15**, at 9 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more about vocal music opportunities from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

### **ANNUAL PANCAKE BRUNCH**

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Join us following the Sunday service on **SEPTEMBER 8**, for a scrumptious Pancake Brunch benefiting the UUFM General Operations Fund. The menu includes regular and gluten-free pancakes, meat and vegetarian sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. Suggested donations are \$5 for adults, \$2 children 6 thru 12, children 5 and under and *first time visitors* eat free. Learn more, or find out how you can help, from Terri Franz at 537-2291 or terrifranz@sbcglobal.net

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The UUFM **CARING COMMITTEE** seeks new leadership. If you have caring, compassion, and friendship to share, ask Kathleen Oldfather how you can get involved at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

There are always openings for volunteers on our Sunday morning **COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS**. New members and friends find this is a great way to get acquainted, and it's an easy way to give to the Fellowship with a minimal investment of time--only three or four Sundays each year. Learn more from Elke Lorenz, 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, **SEPTEMBER 6 and 20**, 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, at Howie's Recycling, 625 South 10th Street. Funds generated from recycled aluminum will be placed in a designated account for MESI.

## CASA FALL TRAINING

CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) 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. Orientation begins Monday, **SEPTEMBER 9**. Only 15 spaces are available! To reserve your space, or for more information, contact CASA Advocate Supervisor Bridget Howland at 537-6367 or [bridget@sunflowercasa.org](mailto:bridget@sunflowercasa.org), or visit [www.sunflowercasa.org](http://www.sunflowercasa.org)

## 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, **SEPTEMBER 8**, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **FLINT HILLS HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT**. FHHRP Chair Mike Herman, and Secretary Kate Lambert, will join us to talk about their activities and resources they provide for the LGBT community in our area. Learn more at [www.fhhrp.com](http://www.fhhrp.com).

*On August 11, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$457.50 to the Flint Hills Community Clinic. Thank you all for your generosity!* Learn more from Helping Hands coordinators Drew and Amber Venum at (713) 828-3307 or [drewvennum@gmail.com](mailto:drewvennum@gmail.com)

*Learn more about all Social Justice projects at UUFM, and find out how you can get involved from committee chair Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or [socialaction@uufm.net](mailto:socialaction@uufm.net).*

**Our Democracy is in Crisis!**

The Kansas voter registration restriction has blocked 1 in every 3 new Kansas voter registrations. With over 15,000 new voters already placed in suspended status, democracy in Kansas is truly in a state of crisis.


Never before has Kansas experienced such widespread disenfranchisement. With 2,000 new voters being placed in suspended status each month, our lawmakers must take action now.

**Take on Topeka with KanVote**  
Rally and Day of Action  
**Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013**  
**Kick Off at the Capital - 11:30 am**  
Kansas Statehouse, 2nd Floor Rotunda  
300 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66612

**DEFEND DEMOCRACY WITH KanVote**

**KanVote**  
Kansas for Action

For more information  
[louis@sunfloweract.org](mailto:louis@sunfloweract.org)  
316-264-9972 x 21  
[www.sunfloweract.org](http://www.sunfloweract.org)



Register with your smart phone

**INTO ACTION!** ... I get this sense that UUFM is on a roll! The summer is winding down, people are returning from summer travel and school and other activities are getting off the ground for the fall season. We have our vision statement written and



now we need to define some objectives that fit within our vision and devise a plan of action to achieve those objectives.

This past week many of us were reminded of "The Dream" for a world of justice, love and

peace that was the vision of Dr Martin Luther King he articulated so piercingly 50 years ago in Washington, DC. UUFM now has a vision; it is a firm and conscious dream, to be "... A visible beacon of liberal religious messages of hope and meaning in our local community."

Our UUFM Board had a planning retreat recently in which we had a "brainstorming" session. We thought about and recorded as many good ideas generated by our congregation in June that were used to formulate our current vision statement. It was a lot of fun! The chalkboard and two sides of a marker board were *filled* with barely legible scribbling of wonderful ideas. We were ecstatic and intent about all of it! Realizing full well that UUFM cannot do everything it wants to do in the first one, two or three years following the emergence of our new vision statement, we settled on just two significant and highly engaging topics for action: **SOCIAL JUSTICE** and **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**.

When the Board's daylong session began that sunny Saturday morning we really had no idea how it would end. We went from *vision* to *action*, and that experience embodied the sentiment of "not knowing," referred to by Michael Nelson in his Musings this month [see pg 2]. The UUFM Board entered that classroom with a sentiment of not knowing, and we emerged with a direction that is so important for our transition with grace in UUFM. "Stay tuned"--come to Fellowship on Sundays, check the UUFM e-mails and blogs to learn what is happening, talk to other UUs, get yourself and your family involved in any one of our great committees or extra events--and you will learn what is happening as we move into action with our shared vision, and more will be revealed to all of us for the near and long-term future of our Fellowship.

*Tom Phillips*

Contact Tom with your concerns, suggestions, or questions at (405) 880-6483 or [tphillips@uufm.net](mailto:tphillips@uufm.net).

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### ROY ZIMMERMAN IN CONCERT AT UUFM

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Roy Zimmerman

#### ***Funny Songs and Bad Advice***

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 10, at 7 pm.

Admission is \$18

or whatever you can afford.

Roy Zimmerman's show "Funny Songs and Bad Advice" contains both.

In thirteen albums over twenty years, Roy brings the sting of satire to the struggle for Peace and Social Justice. With his songs heard on HBO and Showtime, he's recorded for Warner/Reprise Records, been profiled on "All Things Considered," and is a featured blogger for the Huffington Post. Zimmerman's hilarious, rhyme-intensive originals are incisive calls to action: smart, savvy and undeniable.

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### COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES MEETING

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The UUFM Council of Committees gathers at the Fellowship on Monday, SEPTEMBER 9, beginning at 6 pm. The goal of the meeting is to help committees and other Fellowship groups learn about all the great things that are happening around the Fellowship, and to encourage groups to work together to achieve common goals. All committee chairs are asked to attend, or to find a representative from your committee or group to attend in your place. Learn more from Kathleen Tanona at 537-6208 or [kmtanona@hotmail.com](mailto:kmtanona@hotmail.com)

## UUFM FINANCES

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

Time Period	Income	Expense	Net
June 2013	\$15,608.22	\$10,384.79	\$ 5,223.43
July 2013	\$ 9,512.37	\$12,103.08	\$ (2,590.72)
<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>\$25,120.59</u>	<u>\$22,487.87</u>	<u>\$ 2,632.72</u>

If you did not have an opportunity to make a pledge earlier this year and wish to do so now we will be happy to get a pledge form to you. *We also need volunteers* who are interested in coordinating one of our fund raising activities.

Contact Fellowship Treasurer Betty Banner at 776-1887 or [bettybanner@gmail.com](mailto:bettybanner@gmail.com), to learn more about Fellowship finances, or to discuss pledging options.

## \$SHOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM

\$shop \$mart Grocery Cards - RELOADABLE - Gift Card for Dillon's! Dillon's cards are FREE. Pick one up in the narthex after Sunday morning services. You can add to your card in any amount up to \$500.00 at your favorite Dillon's checkout stand. Important: To add to your card you may use cash, check, or credit card; but this must be done in a SEPARATE transaction BEFORE making purchases at the checkout counter. Use the card to pay for gas, groceries, prescriptions, and more. The Fellowship will receive a 5% rebate from Dillon's on all covered purchases!! (Non-reloadable cards are also available for HyVee and Ray's Apple Market in amounts of \$50.) Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or [sandralounelson@yahoo.com](mailto:sandralounelson@yahoo.com)



## HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Our annual Craft and Bake Sale will be held following the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 15**. This has been one of our most successful fundraisers and fun for all. It is a great way to pick up some wonderful Christmas gifts. We will be looking for handmade items and baked goods to sell that day. We especially want those who may want to make objects for the sale to have plenty of time to put their creative energy to work to make items for the sale. To find out how you can donate your crafts or baked goods, or to offer other assistance, talk to Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or [kjoldfather@gmail.com](mailto:kjoldfather@gmail.com), or Betty Banner at 776-1887 or [bettybanner@gmail.com](mailto:bettybanner@gmail.com)



## ALL ABOUT US

Congratulations to **SANDY NELSON** who became our



Director of Religious Education (DRE), after serving as Interim DRE for several months. Sandy is a long time member of the Fellowship, serving on our RE Committee and teaching in Fellowship classrooms for many years. She is married to Dave Colburn, and they have three

wonderful daughters. If you would like to teach or contribute to youth activities in other ways, talk to Sandy.

Our condolences go to **KATIE KINGERY-PAGE** and her family on the death of her dad, **THOMAS PAGE**. Tom was also a member of our Fellowship. He was 75. Tom held political science degrees from Wichita State University and Vanderbilt University as well as a master's of fine arts in creative writing from WSU. After serving in the Army he contributed as an educator, thinker, writer, activist, husband, father, and grandfather. His memorial service will be held at 5 pm, Saturday, October 19, at Watermark Books, 4701 East Douglas Ave, in Wichita.

**MARISA LARSON'S** sister, Teresa Larson, died of breast cancer on August 4. Teresa grew up in Hiawatha, Kansas, and graduated from KSU. She lived in Potomac, Maryland, and is survived by her husband and two daughters, her parents, and four siblings. Marisa was in Maryland at the time and helped plan the memorial service carried out the same week.

**MAROLYN CALDWELL** and **STEVEN MULL** visited Manhattan August 19 thru 26 after their first year in New York. Marolyn and Steve participated in the our annual Musicale, visited friends, worked, and picked up 40 boxes left behind when they moved. They hope to return each August for the Musicale.

Fellowship accompanist and member **SLAWOMIR DOBRZANSKI** gave a wonderful "live" performance August 28 on Kansas Public Radio (KPR). He was interviewed about his new CD and played lots of pieces. Listen to the interview and hear Slawomir's musical performance at [www.kansaspublicradio.org/music/live-studio/classical-live/7213-slawomir-dobrzanski-piano](http://www.kansaspublicradio.org/music/live-studio/classical-live/7213-slawomir-dobrzanski-piano)

*Please send any milestones or other significant events or news to Kathleen Oldfather at [kjoldfather@gmail.com](mailto:kjoldfather@gmail.com) or 537-3738. We can't share it if we don't know!*



## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Sept 1: Katie Kingery-Page, Iris Kingery, and Terri Franz
- Sept 8: *PANCAKE BRUNCH Social Committee*
- Sept 15: Abigail Conrad, Judy Exdell, Gail Ragan, and Diane Barker
- Sept 22: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Meliz Maata
- Sept 29: Ana Franklin, Ken and Pat Embers and Jim Shanteau

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

- Tuesday, Sept 3 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Sept 5 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Sept 9 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 10 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, Sept 12 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Sept 16 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Sept 17 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Sept 19 - 4 to 9 pm
- Thursday, Sept 26 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, Sept 28 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, Sept 30 - 3 to 5 pm

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

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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

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

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost. An audio version of *UU World* is available 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.

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the October edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 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	
1 <u>Earth Centered service</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	2 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am	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>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 2:00-4:00 pm	5 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	6 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am  <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	7 <u>Pagan Circle - Workshop</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
8 <u>The Power of Words</u> 10:45-12:00 pm  <u>Ice Cream Social</u> 12:00-1:30 pm  <u>Pancake Brunch</u> 12:00-1:30 pm	9 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Council of Committees</u> 6:00-8:30 pm	10 <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm  <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-7:00 pm  <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 5:00-7:00 pm  <u>Board Mtg</u> 7:00-9:00 pm  <u>Roy Zimmerman concert</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	11 <u>Women's Lunch</u> 11:30-1:00 pm  <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	12 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <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	13	14	
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22 <u>The Cry for Freedom</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	23 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am	24 <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	25 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:15 pm  <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 5:00-7:00 pm  <u>Book Discussion group</u> 7:00-9:30 pm  <u>Spiritual Ecology</u> 7:00-8:30 pm	26 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	27 <u>Welcoming Social</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	28 <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm	
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